

Building an Engaged Community to Prevent and Heal from Gun Violence: Lessons from the Southside

Presenters:

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OSU Department of Human Sciences;

Frederick V. LaMarr – pastor/ executive director,
Family Missionary Baptist Church/ RHH4L;

Tammy Fournier Alsaada – lead organizer,
People's Justice Project;

Cecil Ahad – president/CEO, Men for the Movement;

Dartangnan Hill – community activist/violence Interrupter, MFM
and **Jerry Saunders Sr.** – CEO, APDS

DISTINGUISHED PANEL



TODAY'S AGENDA

- Our panel will explain how sustainable partnerships require a common vision/spirit, mutual respect, built trust and effective communication.
- Our panel has been engaged in multiple partnerships and initiatives over the last 10+ years including: NSWG, Bicentennial Commission, CAYND program, OSU YVPAB, CeaseFire Columbus, Ministries 4 Movement, and more. Experience with short-term and long-term collaborations.
- We will share insights of our journey in translating gun violence research to practice. We have successfully engaged the community including those at the HIGHEST risk of being shot or shooting in evidence-based strategies with a holistic approach.

7 KEYS TO SUCCESSFUL ENGAGEMENT

(1) Find a community

(2) Find like-minded (or like-spirited) people

(3) Check your privilege

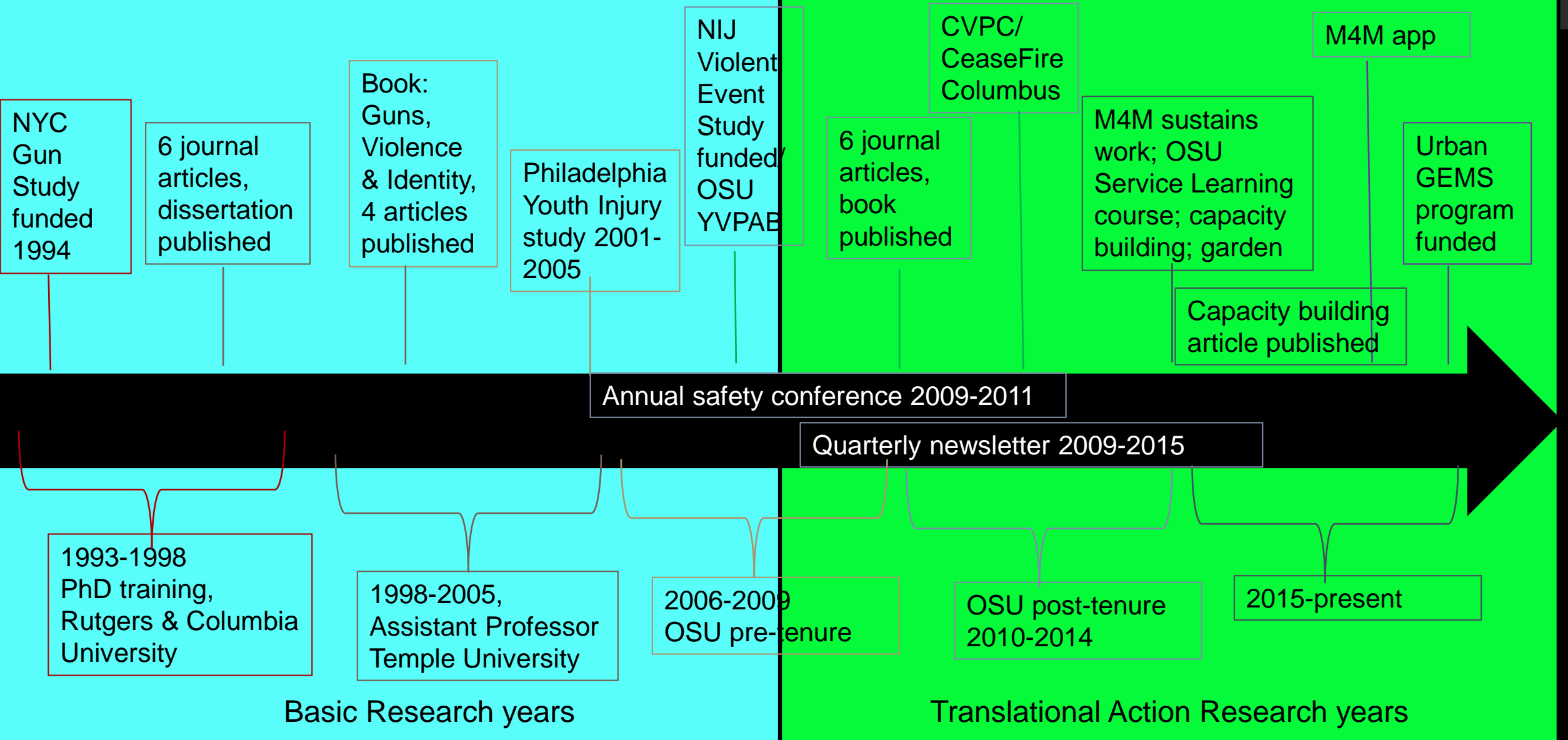
(4) Be prepared to be schooled

(5) Be genuine –mindful & open

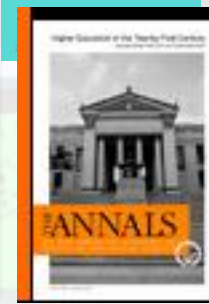
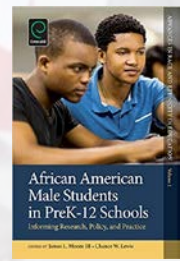
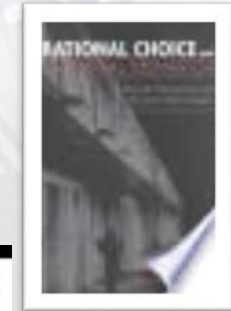
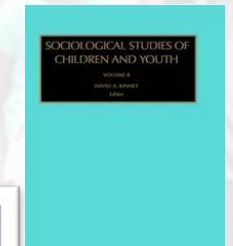
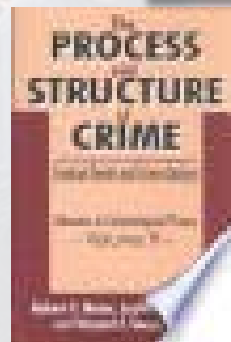
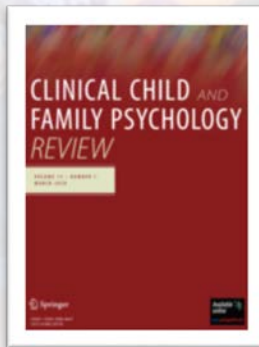
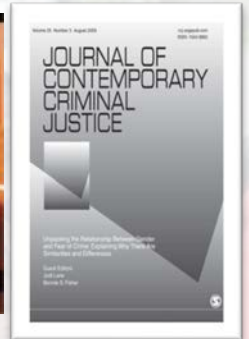
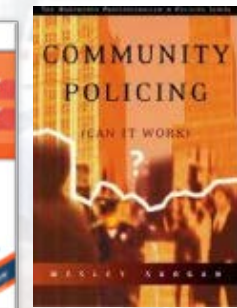
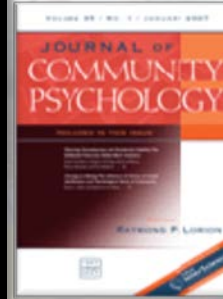
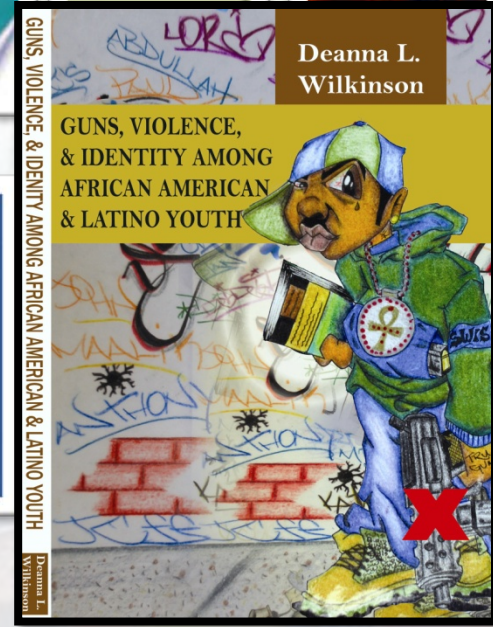
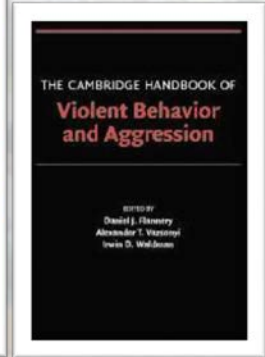
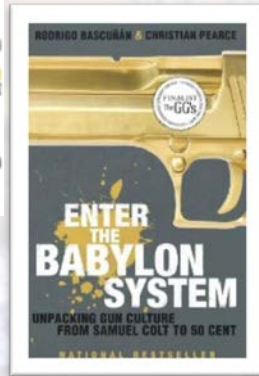
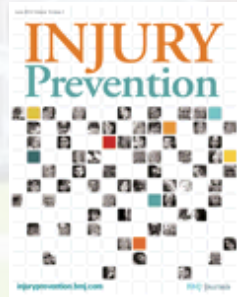
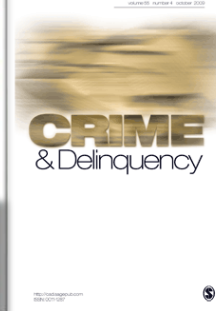
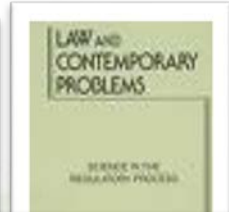
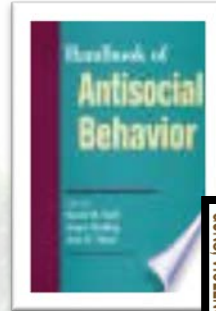
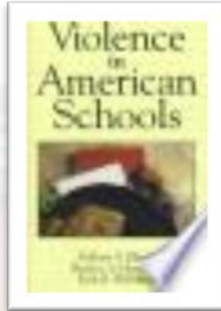
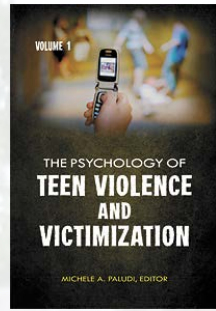
(6) Stay committed for the long-haul (not grant cycle)

(7) Partnerships (Relationships) take time and evolve over time

Wilkinson Research Career Timeline Highlights 1993-2018

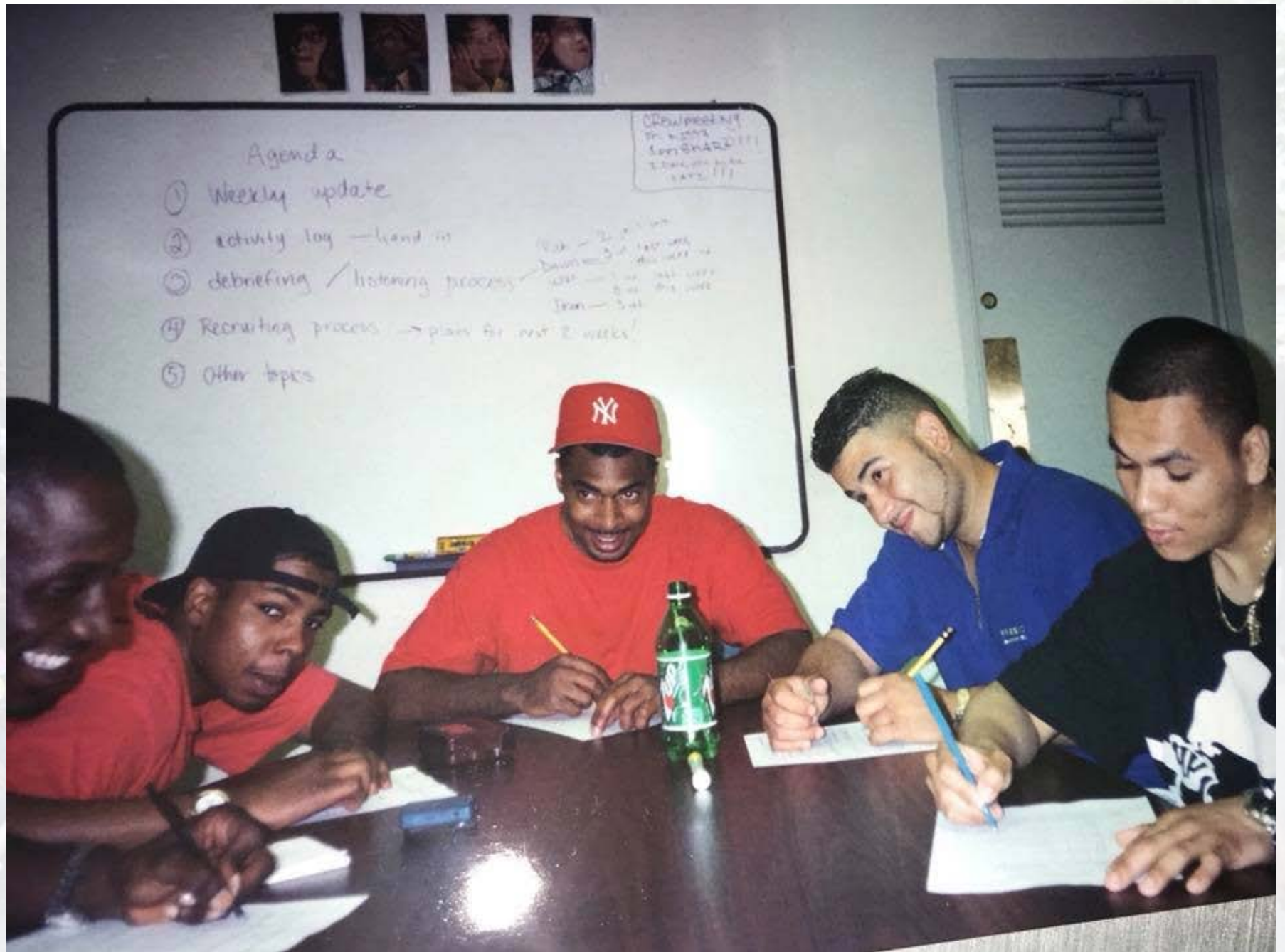


Wilkinson Research Publications

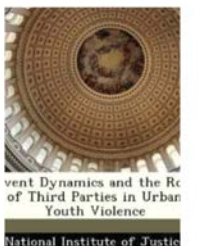
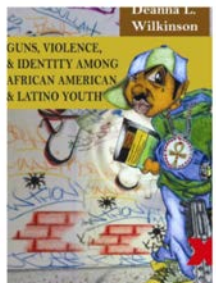
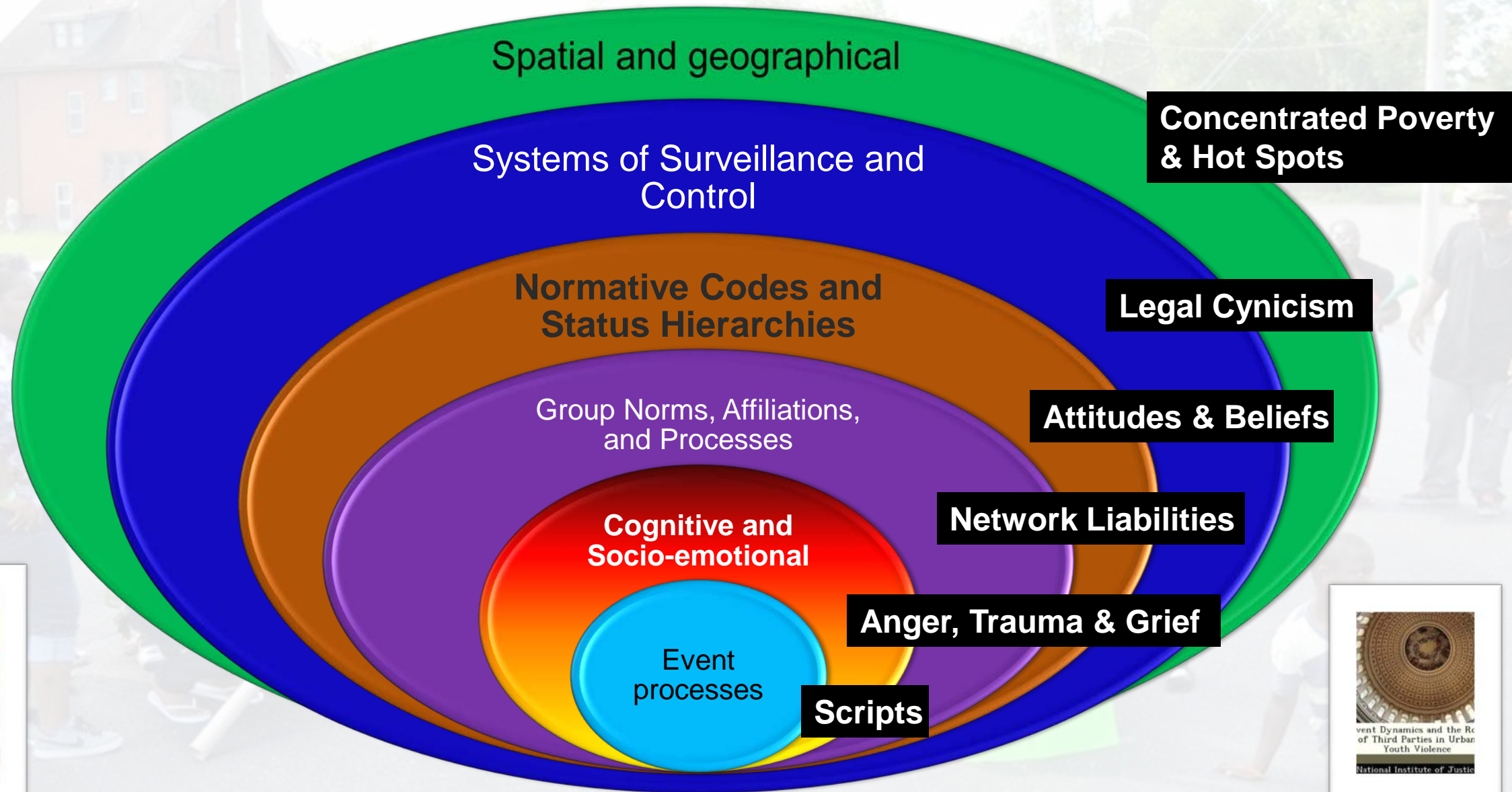


Wilkinson's Publication Outlets

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OF THEM



RISK DOMAINS FOR URBAN GUN VIOLENCE



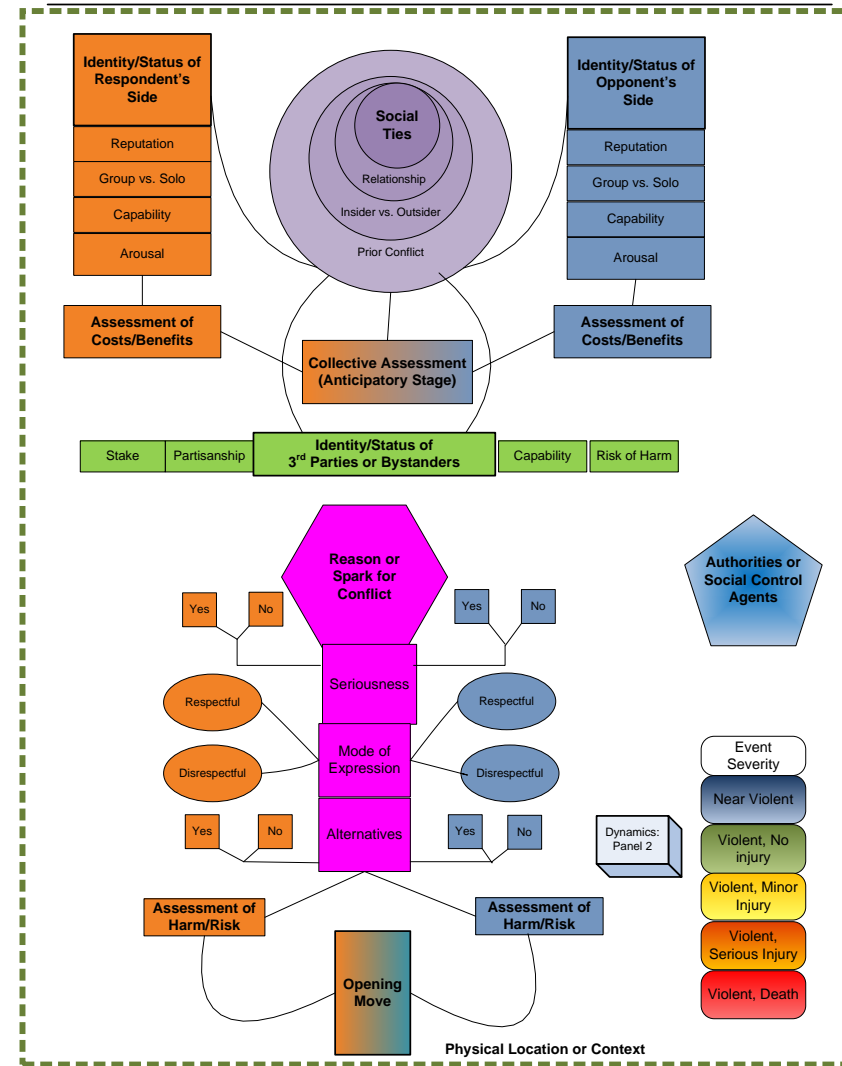
New Theory of Urban Youth Violence

AN EMERGENT SITUATIONAL AND TRANSACTIONAL THEORY OF URBAN YOUTH VIOLENCE

DEANNA L. WILKINSON

YOUTH violence is a serious public health problem that compromises the healthy development of youth and communities. Urban youth in high-violence neighborhoods are particularly at heightened risk for violence-related outcomes (Bingenheimer, Brennan, and Earls 2005). Criminologists have examined links between victimization, violent offending, and other outcomes from several inter-related perspectives, including lifestyle/routine activity theory, general strain theory, subcultural theory, and differential association theory. For example, some research argues that exposure to community violence (victimization and vicarious victimization) is a major source of strain or stress on individuals, which is linked to future involvement in violent behavior (Agnew 2002; Eitle and Turner 2003; Kaufman 2005). While criminologists have focused on disentangling the temporal order issues, in terms of the relationship between victimization and violent behavior, they have focused less on the mechanisms involved in both types of experiences; less attention has also been placed on the potential cumulative and reciprocal effects of victimization and offending on other outcomes, such as compromised mental health.

Figure 4-1. A Situational and Transactional Model of Urban Youth Violence



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NSWG & CAYND PROGRAM

Collective Action for Youth and Neighborhood Development

Collaborating Agency Report

Organization: _____

CAYND Measurable Area Addressed: SAFETY-CRIME

Reporting Quarter (select one)

- ☐ June 1, 2007 – Aug 31, 2007
☐ Sept. 1, 2007 – Nov. 30, 2007
☐ Dec. 1, 2007 – Feb. 28, 2008
☐ March 1, 2008 – May 31, 2008

Please indicate the number of customers served by your agency who reside in the zip codes listed below, separated by age (21 and younger or 22 and older). Respond only for those measures addressed by your agency.

Safety-Crime Measures	Number of Customers Served by Zip Code & Age			
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INVITATION TO THE YVPAB BOARD



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April 12, 2007

Dear **potential board member**,

Your name and professional background has been identified as ideal for a 15-month project on male youth violence prevention/intervention I am currently engaged in. I am seeking participants for an Advisory Board which will act as a "think tank" for assisting me and my team of researchers in translating what we can learn from our data to practical strategies for law enforcement, parents, and community groups. Let me first introduce myself, my name is Deanna L. Wilkinson. I am currently an associate professor in the Department of Human Development and Family Science. I joined the faculty at The Ohio State University in January of 2006. I have been actively engaged in community action research for nearly 20 years working with law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, grassroots community groups, offenders, victims, families of offenders and victims, medical/public health officials, and corrections/treatment providers. My training and professional experience is in criminology and criminal justice. I am very passionate about making research findings useful for real world problems although this task is often difficult. You can find more information about my career and interests on my website at: <http://hec.osu.edu/people/dwilkinson/>. I currently serve on the board of directors for a local violence prevention program -Strategies Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE). I hope to get involved in other local prevention efforts as time permits.

The title of my project is Event Dynamics and the Role of Third Parties in Youth Violence. The study is funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, the National Institute of Justice. The study has 5 specific objectives that involve analyzing data I collected from 417 violent offenders in East New York and the South Bronx, New York in 1995-1998. Using a life history approach, my team interviewed 417 offenders who provided 780 accounts of violence (event-based information) through extensive interviews involving a variety of questions related to the life experiences of these men, as well as basic demographic information. The average age of those interviewed was 19.4 years old, all study participants were racial/ethnic minorities with about half being African-Americans and half Puerto Rican. The study participants provided detailed accounts of a wide range of violent incidents including many very serious gun events (44%). My research team has been analyzing these accounts to identify ways of learning from them to inform practice. We can take this task only so far without benefiting from the insights of others like you who are on the front lines dealing with these types of problems regularly.

The U.S. Department of Justice is very interested in our ability to make our research findings relevant to practice and inform policy. There is much to learn about violence from the data our group has collected and continues to analyze. The Advisory Board will play a vital role in shaping the directions of this

research project by providing a necessary dialogue so that your reactions, thoughts, suggestions, and feedback can be used to push our academic work beyond our capacity. This collaborative arrangement will combine our developing understanding of the theoretical and practical underpinnings of youth violence events with your informed front line experience. It will be a unique model for researcher-professional collaboration that we hope will advance knowledge and practice. Ultimately, we hope to identify practical solutions that can be efficacious for making kids safer in urban neighborhoods.

We are hoping to convene the first "get to know you" Advisory Board meeting on May 9, 2007 at 11:30-1:30 on OSU's campus. In that first meeting, I will outline the specifics of our project, ask for your comments, reactions, and questions, and set the stage for future meetings. We anticipate hosting 5 meetings that will last approximately 2 hours each. A tentative schedule of the months will be meetings is listed below. Board members will receive a small total honoraria of up to \$200 as a token of our appreciation of your time and insights. Food and refreshments will be provided for our meetings.

Tentative Board Meeting Schedule

- April/MAY 2007 (get to know you meeting)
- June 2007
- August 2007
- November 2007
- March 2008 (final product development)

Hopefully, the description above will pique your interest. We hope the Advisory Board will function as a working group and assist us in our efforts to translate research into practice in new and exciting ways. I would be grateful for any referrals you could make to other professionals who would have interest/expertise to serve on the Advisory Board. If you have any additional questions or concerns please contact me any time. As a follow up to this letter you will be hearing from Mr. James Carter, a research associate in my group. He will be coordinating the logistics for the Advisory Board meetings as well as carefully documenting our discussions and processes. I look forward to meeting you soon and working with you over the next 15-months.

Very Sincerely,

(emailed)

Deanna L. Wilkinson
Associate Professor



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NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE FUNDED PROJECT COMPLETED

The author(s) shown below used Federal funds provided by the U.S. Department of Justice and prepared the following final report:

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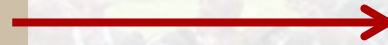
MOVING FROM THEORY TO PRACTICE

**Exposure to Violence
(trauma, ecology of danger & trust)**



Individual and group risk,
violence is normalized

Social Status or Identity



Social norms supportive of
violence

Situational Context Matters



Violence is context-specific

**Lack of Efficacy in Formal
and Informal Social Control**



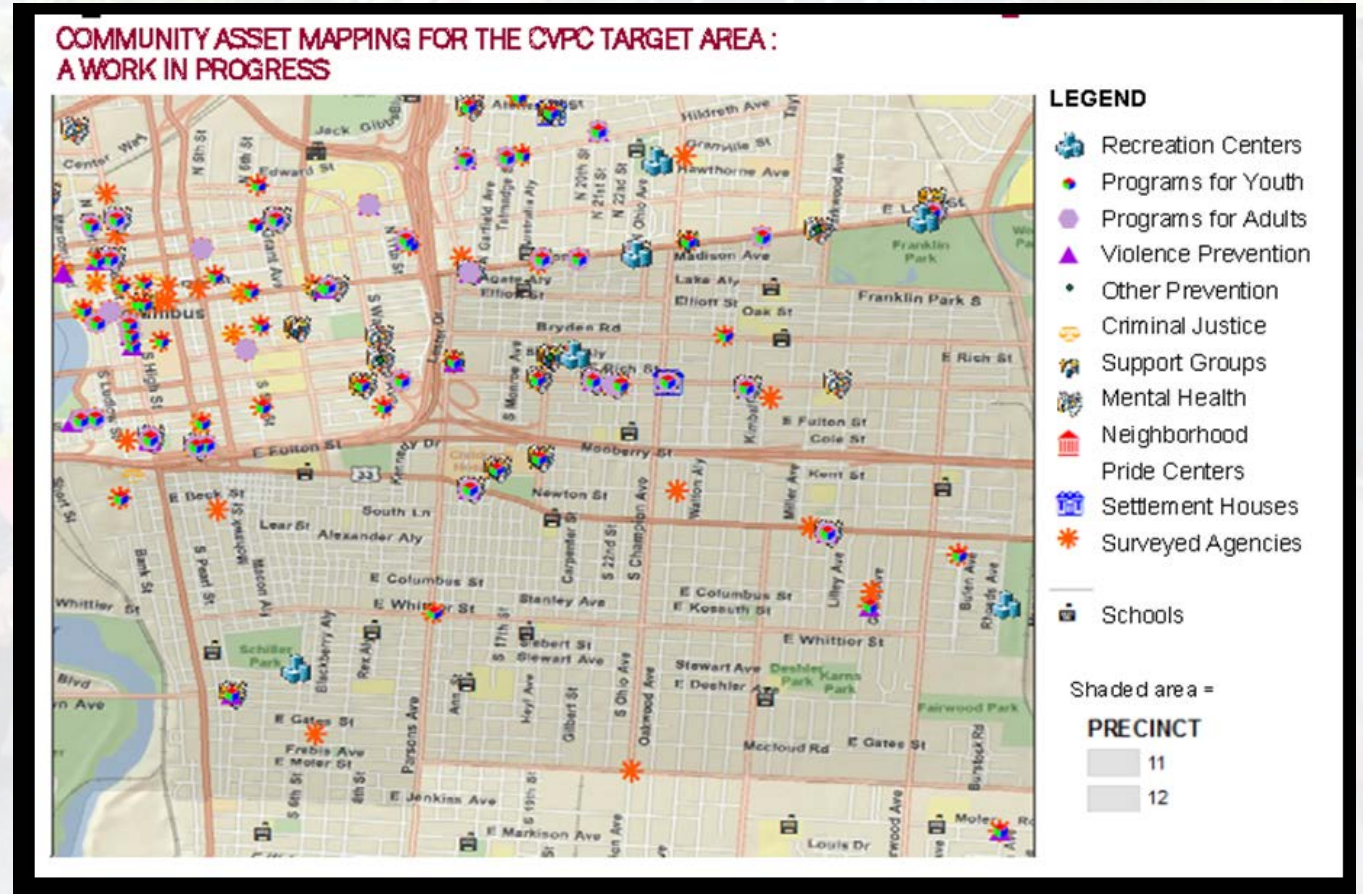
System failure impacts
social norms

Isolation



Intensifies risk for select
individuals and group

ASHLEY HICKS, OSU STUDENT SHARING RESULTS



OSU YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION ADVISORY BOARD (2007-2013)

- AREA YOUTH AND ADULTS
- FAITH LEADERS
- NON PROFIT AGENCIES
- FOR PROFIT BUSINESSES
- ADVOCATES AND SURVIVORS
- GOVERNMENT AGENCIES
- SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES
- STUDENTS AND FACULTY
- Public Health leaders
- Physicians
- Mental health providers
- Housing Providers
- Criminal justice agencies
- Courts & Probation/ Parole
- Law Enforcement
- Youth Services
- Corrections & Rehabilitation



Columbus, Ohio 2011

THE YVPAB 2011 EXECUTIVE TEAM



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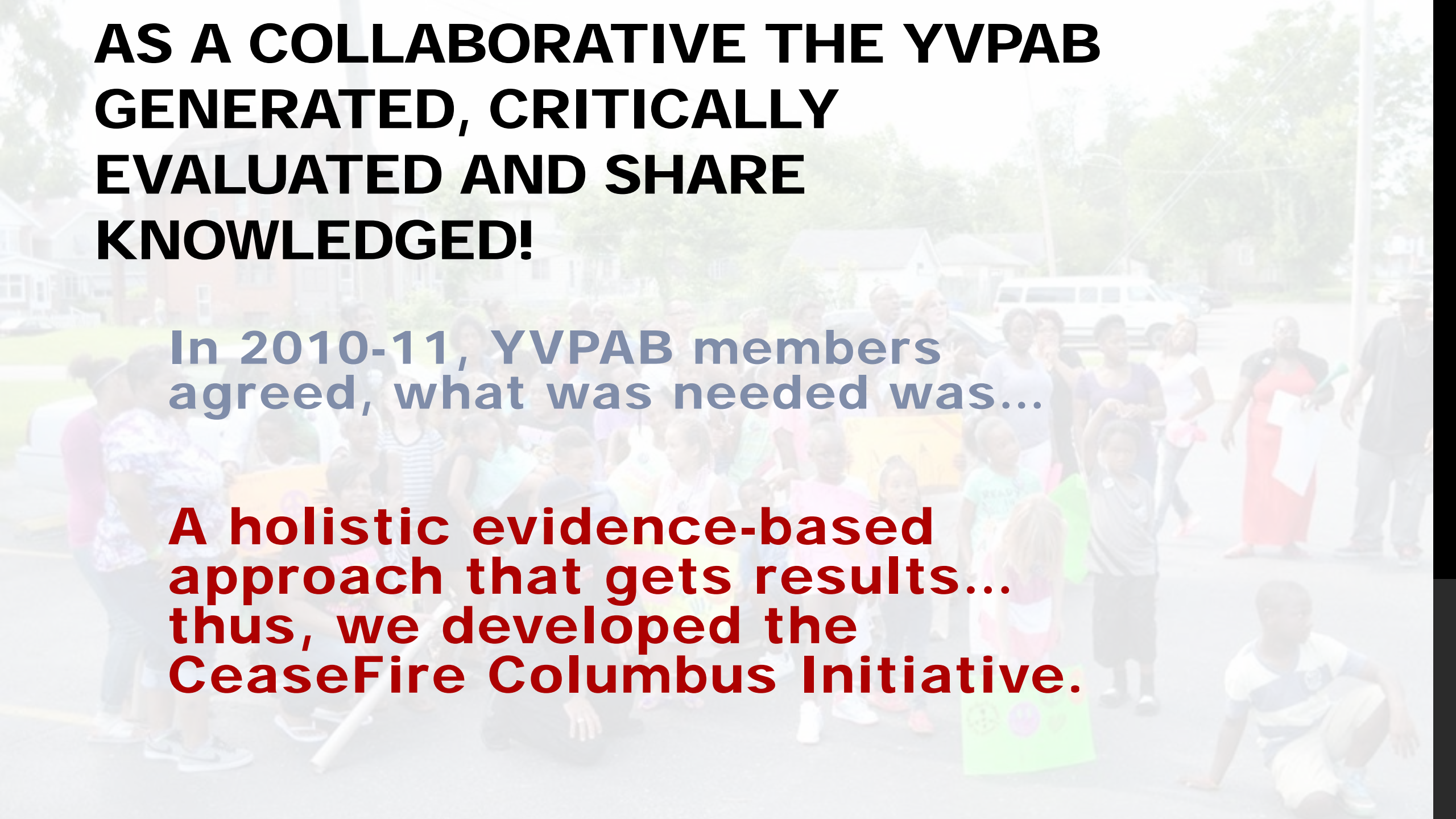
Executive Counselor

Tulo Makinde



Executive Counselor

Steve Curl

A large group of diverse people, including children and adults, are gathered outdoors in a community setting. Many are holding signs and banners, suggesting a community event or protest. The background shows residential houses and trees.

AS A COLLABORATIVE THE YVPAB GENERATED, CRITICALLY EVALUATED AND SHARE KNOWLEDGED!

In 2010-11, YVPAB members
agreed, what was needed was...

A holistic evidence-based
approach that gets results...
thus, we developed the
CeaseFire Columbus Initiative.

OUR PRODUCTS INCLUDED:

A Quarterly eNewsletter



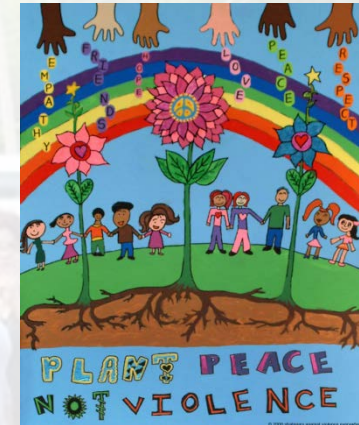
AN ONLINE VIOLENCE PREVENTION COMMUNITY:

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An Annual Conference

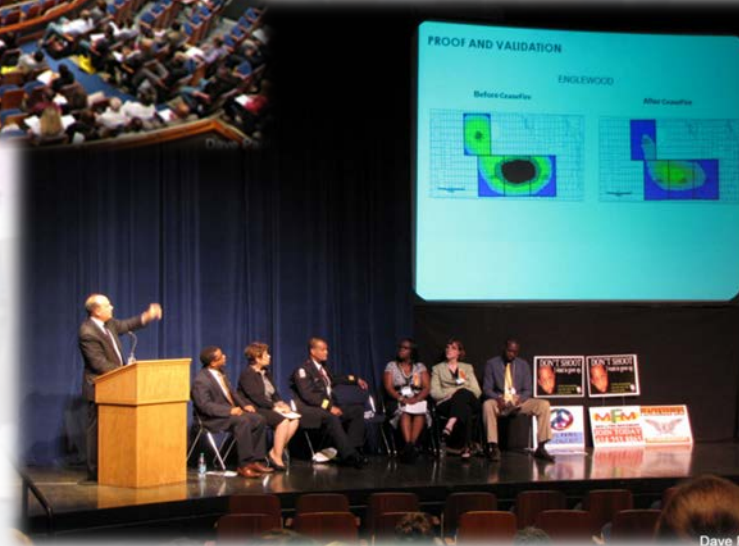
SAVE the date
**Promoting
Community
Safety and
Preventing
Violence:**



*Integrating
Lessons
from Research
and Practice*

Dates:
June 17, 2011
July 23, 2010
June 26, 2009

Spreading Awareness



2011 Annual Conference- Keynote Speaker Dr. Gary Slutkin

Spreading Awareness



Dave Paul



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2011 YVPAB Awards

ENGAGED SCHOLARSHIP AND ACTION RESEARCH CO-PRODUCER WITH PARTNERS

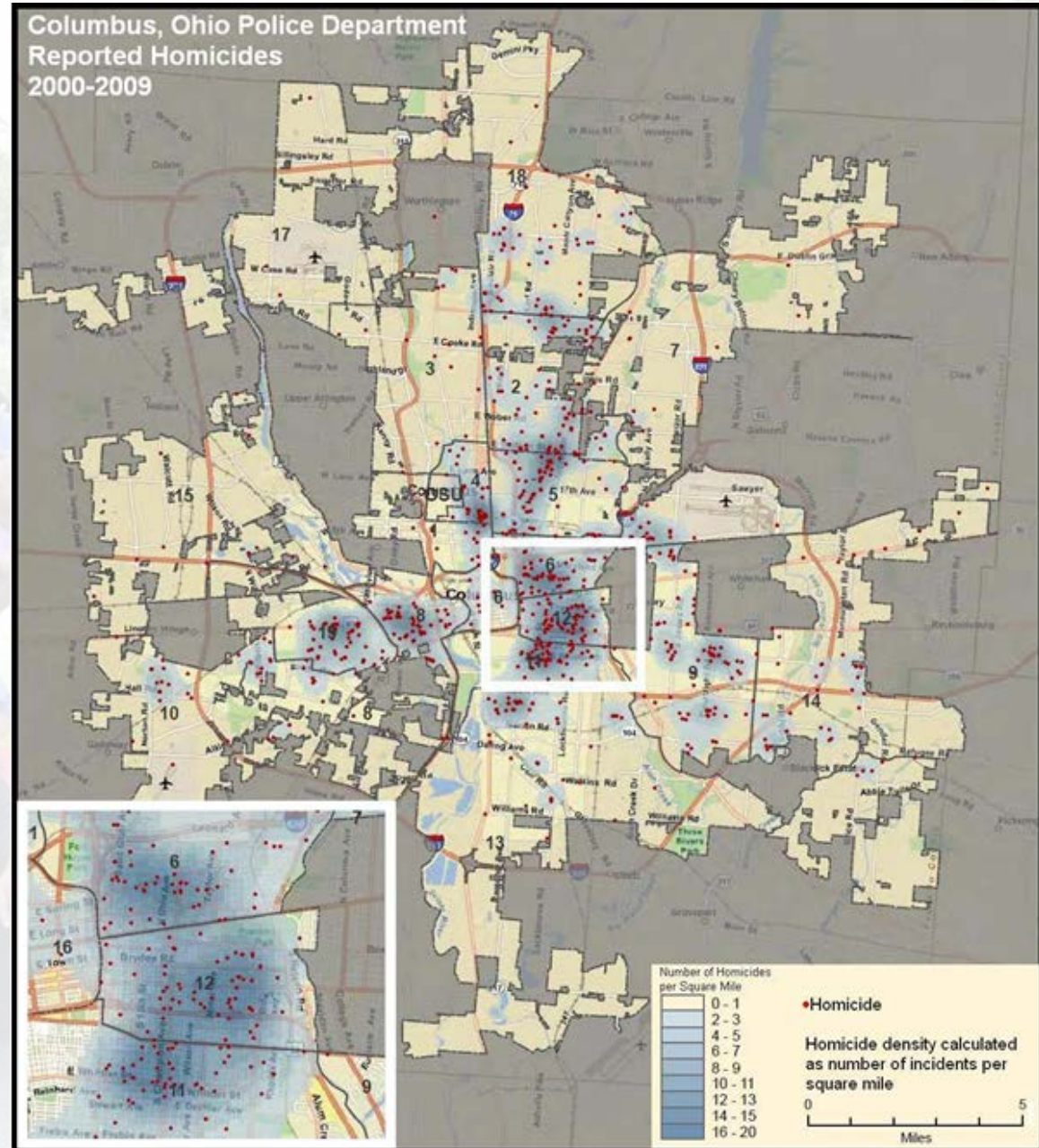
EARLY PROCESS (2009-2011)

- **Analyze violence patterns**
- **Identify highest violence areas**
- **Map community assets and resources**
- **Build relationships with stakeholders**
- **Assess fit between model and community needs**
- **Start working with grassroots activists**

Data Analysis

THE GEOGRAPHY OF HOMICIDE IN COLUMBUS, OHIO 2000-2009

Map Prepared by
Dr. Ola Ahlqvist &
Ashley Hicks



**Table 1. Reported Gun Violence by Police Precinct,
Columbus, Ohio, 2007-2009, Rates per 10,000**

		2007			2008			2009			
PRECINCT	Pop. 2000 Census	GUN ASSAULT	GUN ROBBERY	GUN HOMICIDE	GUN ASSAULT	GUN ROBBERY	GUN HOMICIDE	GUN ASSAULT	GUN ROBBERY	GUN HOMICIDE	TOTAL 2007-2009
Lowest Precinct 17	62,978	0.0	2.4	0.2	0.2	8.1	0.3	0.0	2.1	0.3	13.5
City-wide Average	711,345	8.3	30.7	1.4	7.2	27.1	2.0	9.4	28.4	1.52	115.9
Highest Precinct 12 (43205)	14,204	21.1	54.9	4.9	21.8	83.1	2.8	23.2	54.9	2.1	268.9
3rd Highest Precinct 11 (43206)	24,936	12.0	49.7	1.6	10.8	36.5	6.8	16.4	59.8	6.8	200.5

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\$25K Interdisciplinary Seed Project, Crime Mapping 2010



**PROJECT
SAFE**
NEIGHBORHOODS
America's Most Endangered Communities

\$23K Community
Outreach &
Conference 2011



\$25K Knowledge
Center Web Resource
& Outreach 2010



\$50K Award
for
Community
Outreach
Project
2011



THE COLUMBUS FOUNDATION

\$14,500 Conference 2010 & 2011



OSU YVPAB Capacity Building 2011



CeaseFire

The Campaign to STOP the Shooting

A strategic **public health approach** to prevent violence.

The Model **adapts to the local** situation, uses local practitioners, and a management structure that works at both the community and city/county levels.

Relies heavily on **public education** to change attitudes and behaviors toward violence.

Employs “credible messengers” to **reach high risk** individuals.

Community involvement helps **change norms**.

Documented success in multiple neighborhoods.

Core Components





Mon 10/29/2012 12:44 PM

Tamara Fournier <tfournier@ehe.osu.edu>

RE: Is CeaseFire taking over or are we building something in the community

To Deanna Wilkinson

From: Tammy Alsaada [<mailto:fournier0961@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Tue 10/16/2012 9:36 AM

To: Deanna Wilkinson

Subject: Is CeaseFire taking over or are we building something in the community

Is CeaseFire taking over or are we building something in the community

Relationship building

Tues at 11 am meeting

Get to the partnership what is M4M who is

What do we do

Nov 4 honor Pastor Lamar anniversary of the movement

Next meeting the March in Nov first Sunday anniver

Structure

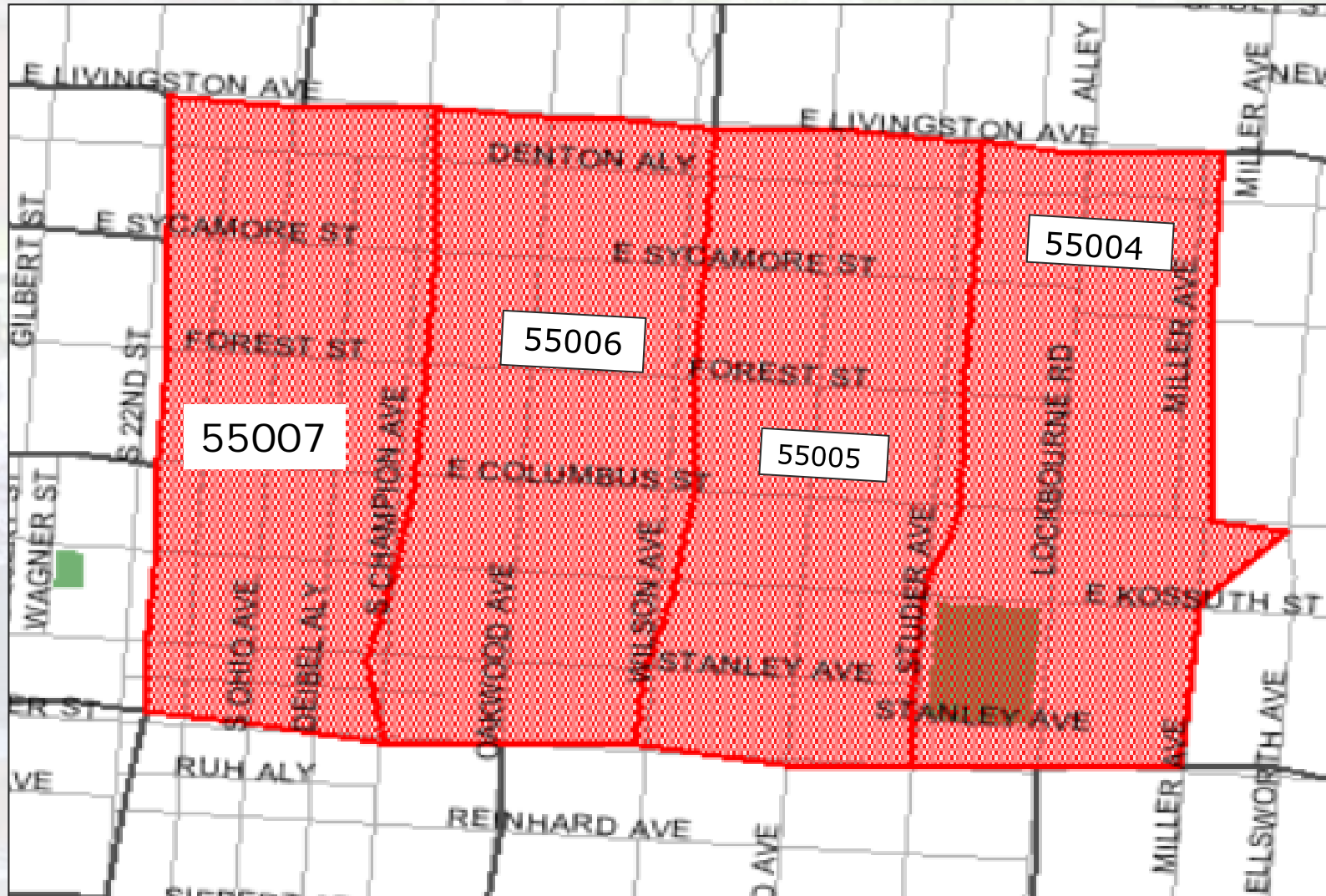
What are we committing and building together





M4M Focus Community

CENSUS BLOCK GROUP -M4M AREA



SOUTHSIDE, SO MUCH MORE THAN A PLACE

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BPuxtUuY4qU>



“R” YOU AT THE TABLE?

RELATIONSHIPS

RESOURCES

REVIVING

REDEMPTION



CONCEPTION AS 1ST SUNDAY MARCH

FIRST SUNDAYS: is a concept that was envisioned when Brother Cecil Ahad, Dartangnan Hill and Pastor F.V. LaMarr came together at the death of Dominique Searcy to address the problem of crime and violence.

In an informal setting Pastor LaMarr shared that violence among African American males is a problem with epidemic proportions that can be traced to the roots of premature promiscuous relationship that leads to premature parenthood that is remotely connected to the lack of education which leads to poverty, public assistance and prison.

These frustration are escalate and perpetrated mainly in the inner city. This problem previously disregarded and ignored as long as it was contain in certain inner city areas but the federal changes in the public housing assistance has cause it to spread in a more widespread area causing many to take notice and actions.

Systematic oppression, People for Profit, Rough Riders,

Ministries 4 Movement & Men 4 Movement



M4M

- Therefore we saw the need to change from a March to a Movement. In the planning session it was noted to affect change we must create a movement that will address those life issues in the Neighborhood House, School House, Court House, State House and Prison House.
- As we engage the church and community to prayerful seeking the favor of God to change the paradigms of our community.

Ministries4Movement



Family Missionary Baptist Church
Spiritual leadership, serve as a safe haven, lead the community healing process, and provide support to youth and families.



Men For the Movement
Street outreach, mentoring, justice advocacy, and community mobilization



The OSU Research Team
Capacity building and crime and asset data analysis, evaluation, and strategic planning.

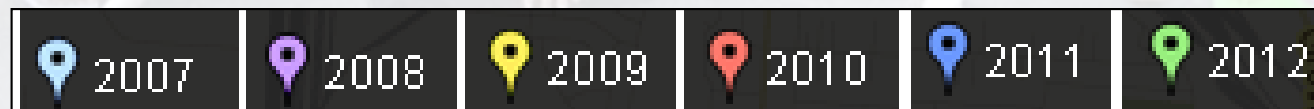
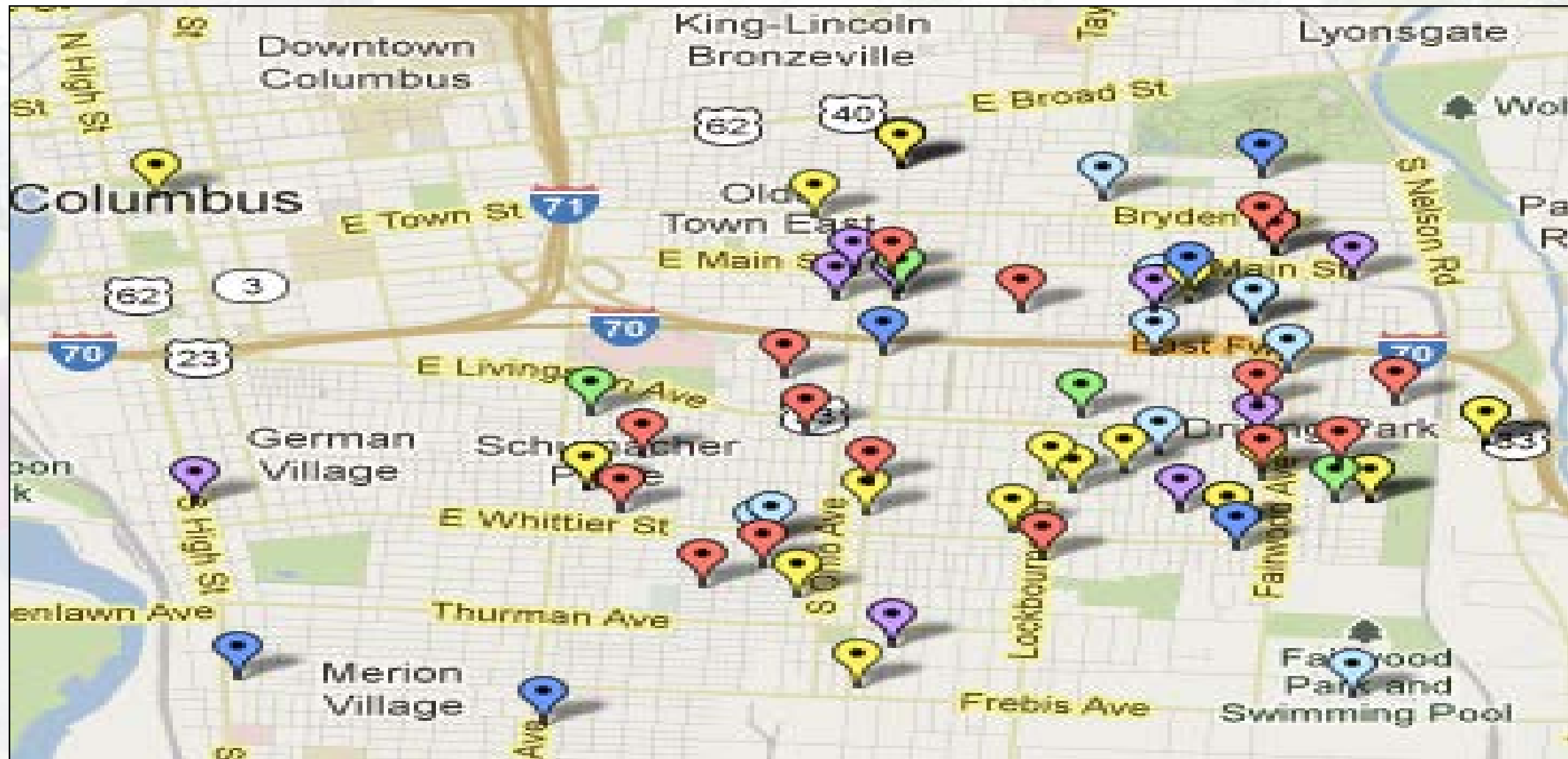


N.C.U.S.
Workforce development, employment and empowerment
A.U.S. Alternative high school for 16-22 year olds



N.A.B.C.J. Ohio Chapter
is a multi-ethnic, nonpartisan, nonprofit association of criminal justice professionals and community leaders dedicated to improving the administration of justice.

MAP 2. 2007-2012 HOMICIDES IN COLUMBUS, OHIO PRECINCTS 11 AND 12 (n=79)



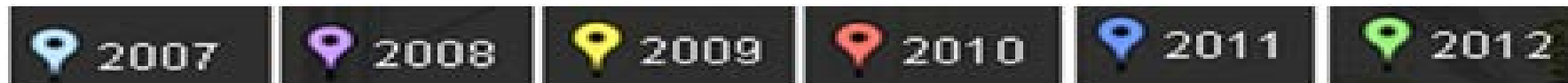
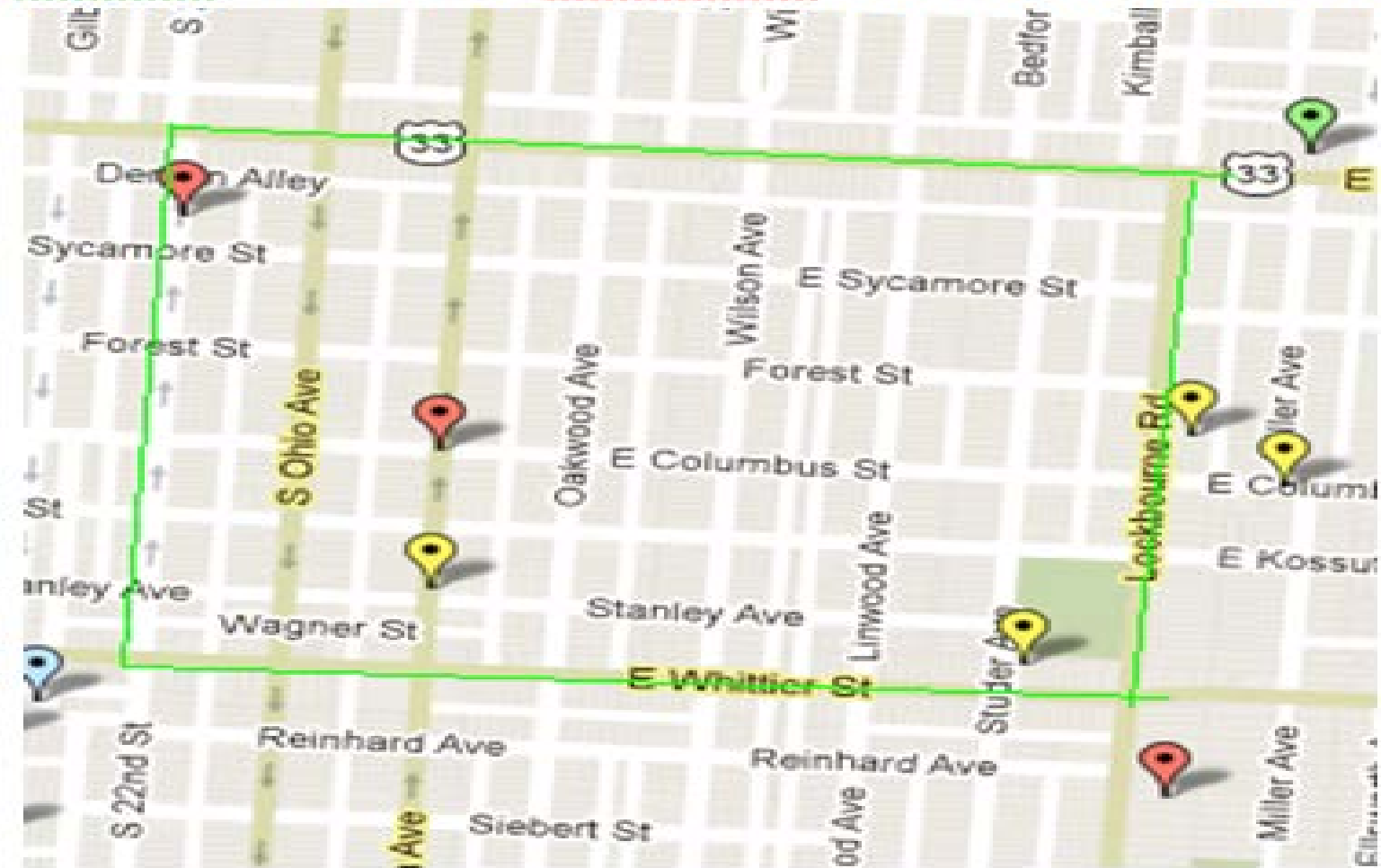
HOW DOES VIOLENT CRIME IN 43205 & 43206 COMPARE?

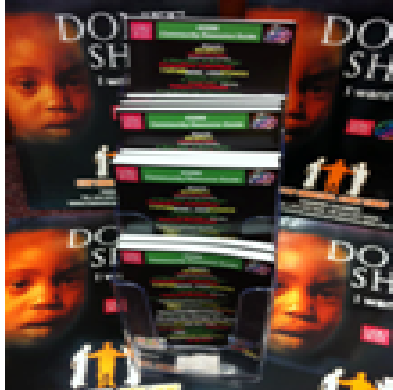
Table 2. Comparison of Shootings and Killings in CeaseFire Implementation Sites

	Columbus Near East		Chicago <u>CeaseFire</u> West		Baltimore <u>SafeStreets</u> East		Crown Heights, Brooklyn	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
# of Shootings	74	86	46	58	9	4	N/A	25
# of Killings	20	18	12	14	3	4	N/A	3
Population	26533	26533	18877	18877	5000	5000	19000	19000

Gun Homicides 2007-2012

MAP 3. M4M and CeaseFire Columbus Focus Community





Brief History: FMBC, MFM, and community members held the first Homicidal Healing March on Nov. 1, 2009. The Ministries4Movement community has held 99 consecutive monthly marches since then.

- The OSU team and CeaseFire Columbus got involved in 2010 with funding from OSU Outreach & Engagement. CFC strategies continue as M4M

- They spread the stop the violence messages with street signs, buttons, stickers, newsletters, flyers, and porch conversations.

- Together, they have developed and distributed various public education messages and resource guides to community members.



New Resource Guides Hope To Improve Neighborhood Safety



8 core components

There are eight core components including:

- (1) Community Mobilization and Prevention Education** [12 month marches and services; adult-youth allies; voter registration drive; community festival]
- (2) Family Support and Education** [40-50 families per year: to consist of parenting classes; child and adult development classes; mother-to-mother support group; grief and trauma counseling; and homework heroes]
- (3) Youth Development, Engagement, and Education** [cultural foundations trainings, drumming, dancing, & music enrichment; summer boot camp; safety training; substance abuse and violence prevention education; school partnerships, Homework Heroes]
- (4) Public Safety Training for Community Residents** [6-12 trainings per year]
- (5) Intensive Street Outreach to High Risk Individuals -- Mediation and Violence Interruption** [8-12 mediation per year, reach 40 HRI in our area]
- (6) Criminal Justice Advocacy and Partnerships** [work with individuals who are systems involved to promote desistance, alternatives to incarceration and successful transitions out of justice control; continue working with criminal justice professionals to advocate for youth and families in our area.]
- (7) Coordinated Resources and Referral Service Delivery System** [develop MOUs with organizations inventoried in the 43206 Community Resource Guide to provide services to M4M youth and families].
- (8) Data analysis, Research and Evaluation** [document our work using multiple method; assess impact on crime patterns, use data to drive resource allocation].

Community Mobilization



MFM/FMBC Monthly Healing Marches and Service

CeaseFire Core Components

Street Outreach and Conflict Mediation



Street Outreach and Conflict Mediation: Brother Cecil, Brother Dartangnan Hill, Brother Benny, Pastor LaMarr, Tammy Alsaada and others have devoted countless hours to street outreach and violence interrupter services to target area youth (14-26) who are at high risk of being shot or being a shooter. Although funding has been difficult to secure the team continues to engage the highest risk in an effort to save lives and promote community safety.

Core Components

Faith Leader Involvement and Healing



Faith Leadership in this Peace Movement: Pastor LaMarr Co-founded Ministries 4 Movement and has co-lead the 1st Sunday march and service monthly since November of 2009. February will be the 100 consecutive march. Pastor LaMarr and FMBC provide spiritual leadership, open the church as safe havens, and works to spread awareness that violence is not acceptable in our community. Healing through Christ brings about process of redemption. Pastor LaMarr offers guidance to others interested in the M4M model.

Core Components



Community Mobilization: Mobilize and empower the community to engage informal social control through collective responses to violence, participation in community events, block-level organizing and more. Celebrate non-violence! Celebrate life!

RESOURCES



M4M

M4M mobile tool brings together the Ministries 4 Movement resources in a new and revolutionary way! Stay engaged and informed. M4M is focused on Relationships, Resources, Reviving...

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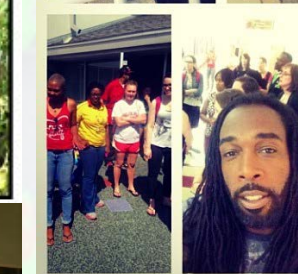
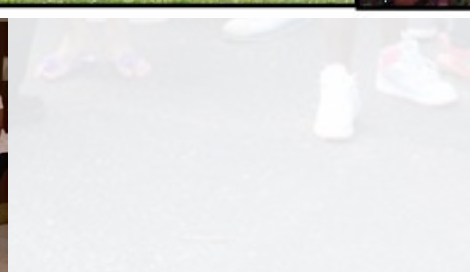
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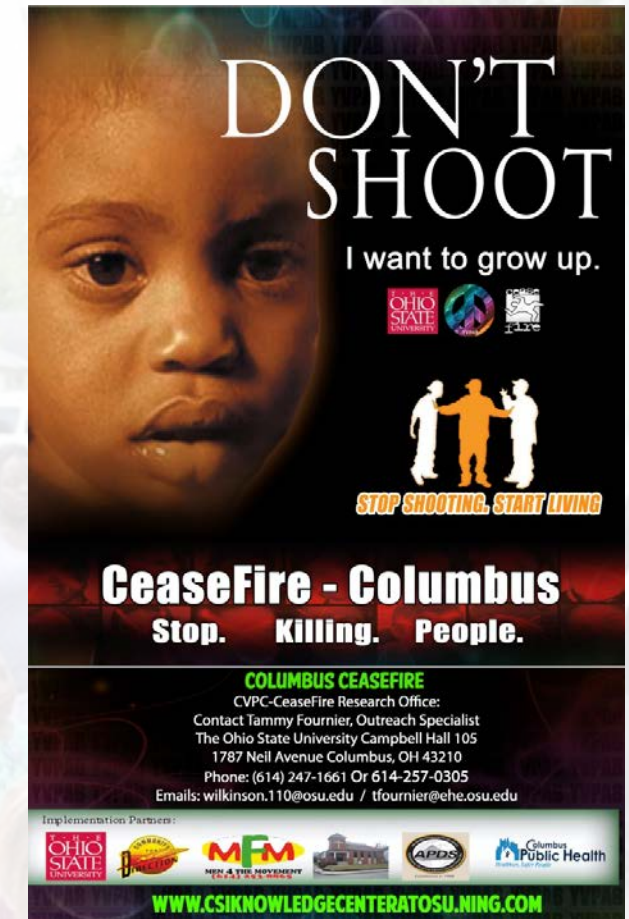
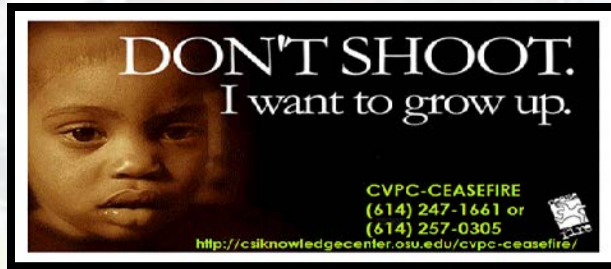
Core Components

PRIMARY PREVENTION INVESTING IN OUR YOUTH



Core Components

Public Education Campaign



Public Education Campaign: Violence is preventable! We campaigned to spread strong anti-violence public education messages; implement anti-violence events and unify the community around prevention. Zari Carmona at JPS Print was our graphic designer.

M4M Public Education Campaign

*Stop Shooting
Stop Killing
Each Other
NO MORE VIOLENCE!*



**Stop Shooting & Killing People,
Especially your Family & Friends!**

“I Want to Grow Up & Live!”

**Get Involved in our Youth's Lives,
& our Movement**

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CeaseFire - Columbus
Stop. Killing. People.

**PLANT PEACE
NOT VIOLENCE**



Core Components

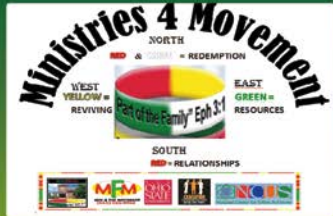
Data Driven Solutions and Evaluation



•***Data Driven Solutions and Evaluation of our Efforts: Data Driven Solutions and Evaluation of our Efforts:***

- Analyze changes in patterns of gun violence including hot spots and retaliatory homicides.
- Analyze state-wide data on gun offenders and victims.
- Build on real time intelligence gathering for street level intervention. Community asset mapping to build a strong network of support among community members.
- Partner with law enforcement to access data.

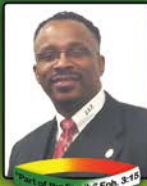
M4M INITIATIVES



Ministries4Movement is a partnership of Family Missionary Baptist Church, Men for the Movement, OSU research team, Cease-Fire Columbus, National Center for Urban Solutions, with members of the community. Together, we have developed a holistic approach to community restoration. We seek long-term transformation by changing the norms and living conditions through combined efforts. We focus in the boundaries of 22nd Street, Lockbourne, Whittier, and Livingston Avenue.

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**Especially your
Family & Friends!**



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Ways to Get Involved:

1. Attend the 1st Sunday March and Workshops. Join us each month for a community transforming march. Gather at 996 Oakwood at **3:00 pm sharp**. Bring your anti-violence, pro-community life messages. Be part of the change, be part of the family!
2. Stay informed and Keep us Informed (Share Knowledge & Resources)
3. Participate in workshops, parenting classes, community clean ups, volunteer to read with children, organize positive activities for youth.
4. Refer youth and families to Ministries4Movement
5. Promote non-violent conflict resolution and strong relationships
6. Give back to others —each one, reach one; each one, teach one
7. Help us to become more effective in our efforts —We need to build up our base. Volunteer.
8. Spread positive messages to encourage others to keep going even in hard times.
9. Donate your time, money, & talent

What we have done so far...

- Held 53 consecutive monthly marches since November 2009 reaching more than 2000 people.
- Mediated conflicts to prevent shootings and killings.
- Assisted more than 150 youth and their families annually
- Reached over 3000 with our resource guidebook, newsletters, and public education materials.
- Sustained partnerships; developed new collaborations
- Conducted dozens of trainings to help others learn from our efforts
- Reduced shootings and killings in our area in 2011 and 2012 by more than 200%
- Sustained efforts as volunteers when little or no funding has been available.



Ministries4Movement



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We are actively engaged in efforts to mobilize the community on the Southside of Columbus, Ohio.

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DOCUMENTARY**



43206 RESOURCE GUIDE



M4M INITIATIVES

Monthly community march and service
Spiritual and social health counseling
Street outreach
Conflict mediation
Public Education Campaign
Resource support and referral
Feeding program
Restorative Justice Program
Court review program
Crime hot spot analysis
Web site and social media outreach
Training workshops

Each one Teach One Lending Library
Parenting classes
Summer youth camp program
Community garden
Saturday youth activities
Quarterly CSI/M4M newsletter (2009-2015)
Annual community festival
Annual anniversary dinner
Alternative high school education
Workforce development and employment
National criminal justice advocacy
Process and Impact Evaluation

INPUTS: TEAM TRAININGS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Trained from the NYC Youth Violence study

Trained in the Ceasefire/Cure Violence model

OSU Law School Conflict Mediation training

Trauma-informed care and brain development training (Dr. Perry)

Trauma-informed care –Hurt People Hurt People (Drs. Rich & Corbin)

7 Habits of Healthy Teens & Highly Effective People

The Art of Hosting

Bridges out of Poverty



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2009-Columbus Foundation

2009 –US Dept. of Justice –BJA

2009- US Dept. of Justice –OJJDP
(APDS partner)

2010 –US Dept. of Justice –OJJDP
(replication grant try1)

2011 –US Dept. of Justice –OJJDP
(replication grant try2)

2012 –US Dept. of Justice –OJJDP
(replication grant try3)

2012-2015 –City of Columbus

2015 –Neighborhood Partnership Grant

FUNDED

\$50K The Office of the Attorney General Mike DeWine, State of Ohio. For Street Outreach and Public Education, to MFM, 10/1/13-9/30/14

Outcomes:

- mediated/interrupted 97 separate episodes of potential violence in our area
- worked with 30 high risk individuals
- made 11 hospital visits
- 6 participants were able to have warrants for non-violent offenses converted to summons.
- made 18 presentations and conducted outreach visits to local schools reaching 500 youth.
- 960 people have been engaged in one or more of our 12 monthly community marches/workshops

After 4 years we made a documentary. Watch it.

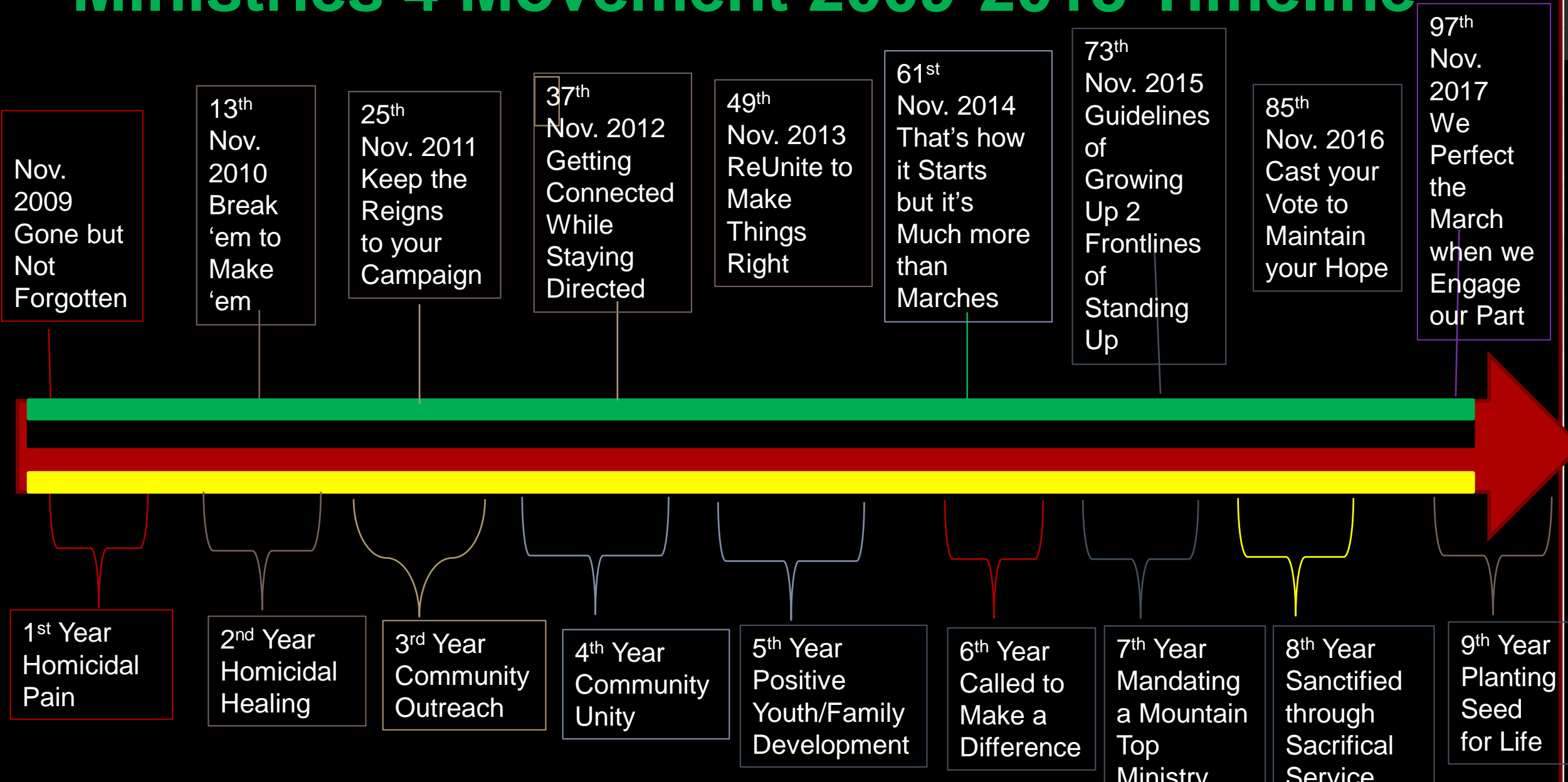
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Watch our M4M Documentary:



Transforming our Community For Life Movie

Ministries 4 Movement 2009-2018 Timeline



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DISPATCH EXCLUSIVE

OVERRUN BY GUNS

Crimes involving firearms
cut a deadly and costly path
across Ohio's largest cities



TARGET:
GUN VIOLENCE
[A 3-DAY SERIES]

Today: Ohio cities
overrun by guns

Monday: Convicts
freed quickly

Tuesday: Getting to
gunslingers

MORE ONLINE

► Alix Reese talks
about driving through
a gang fight and being
paralyzed by a stray
bullet at Dispatch.com/multimedia.

Stories by Theodore Decker | Photos by Jonathan Quilter
THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH

Before a bullet severed her spine on the Near East Side last May, Alix Reese hoped to teach preschool. She was "always on the go," as one friend put it. Now,



By Theodore Decker
THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH

The following bit of wisdom is brought to you by the Columbus police assault squad.

If someone is shot on the dance floor of a packed nightclub, rest assured that every potential witness will have been in the bathroom when it happened.

This holds true even when the club's bathroom is no bigger than a telephone booth.

The lack of cooperation will extend to the guy bleeding on the floor.

"I don't want to do anything about it," he'll tell the detective asking about his willingness to prosecute.

When victims of gun violence don't survive, the men and women of the Columbus Police Division's homicide squad investigate the deaths. The job is high-profile and intense, with a 10-year average of 94 slayings annually.

Homicide detectives are expected to dig deeply and close cases. So are the detectives on the assault squad, which investigates 16 times as many crimes. They do as they can, it is always

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often with little or no help from the public. If the squad has a universal complaint, that would be

"I think our clearance rate is dropping because of the lack of cooperation," Kesner said. "It's absolute awesome working an 18

and then having nobi charges."

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Reluctant witnesses give detectives fits



A boy reacts to seeing a family friend after his mom was assaulted on the East Side. Each police assault squad detective will lead more than 100 investigations a year, but witness cooperation often is lacking.

Even residents of embattled neighborhoods who respect the police hesitate to get involved. "The majority of people who live in those neighborhoods are good people, but they're scared," said police detective Aaron Mall.

or a baseball bat.

"Our victims are our suspects and vice versa," Mall said.

But each detective reads a manual list of victims who buck that trend. Children are hit in drive-bys. Innocent bystanders stumble into gang fights and relatives inadvertently pay for the misdeeds of their kin.

At her desk, detective Heather Collins perused Facebook postings by some of her suspects. In one image, a child who appears to be

never gonna talk to you," detective

Even residents of embattled

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A stray bullet fired during a gang fight on the Near East Side hit Alix Reese on May 27 last year, severing her spine and paralyzing her. She has no motor control below the neck, and she breathes with the help of a machine, Reese, 26, said. "Not all the shootings are gang-on-gang violence. Innocent people get hurt, too."



Lee (top) and his brother-in-law, who were injured in the shooting.



Reese (bottom) is recovering from a gunshot wound to the back in May 2010. She is in the hospital because of a gunshot wound to the back in May 2010.



Memphians "Alix" Reese (bottom) and a friend (top) in May 2010. Reese is in the hospital because of a gunshot wound to the back in May 2010. She is in the hospital because of a gunshot wound to the back in May 2010.

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July 20, 2010 — 11:00 am

Preventing Youth Violence

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Preventing youth violence through street intervention and community involvement, with Drexel University School of Public Health department of health policy chair and author of *Wrong Place, Wrong Time: Trauma and Violence in the Lives of Young Black Men* Dr. **John Rich**, M.D., The Ohio State University (OSU) human development professor **Deanna Wilkinson** and CeaseFire Illinois director **Tio Hardiman**.



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City, Community Leaders Search For Ways To End Teen Violence

Friday July 23, 2010 3:43 PM
UPDATED: Monday July 26, 2010 12:49 PM

After nine murders in two weeks, two of them with victims that were 15 and 16, city leaders on Friday were calling for an end to the violence.

Columbus Mayor Michael Coleman met with police and community leaders on Friday at City Hall, to formulate a plan to convince the city's teens to put their weapons down, 10TV's Maureen Kocot reported.



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Fighting Youth Violence

The U.S. Department of Justice is awarding grants to four cities to study youth violence — and Columbus is fighting for their funding.

By: [MARCUS THORPE](#)

Published: June 22, 2010

FIGHTING BACK



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FIGHTING BACK



Eastside Youth Violence Trainings

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Columbus violence prevention collaborative will be hosting three trainings on the near-east side to educate the community on the cease fire model of youth violence prevention.

DISPATCH EXCLUSIVE

SHOOT. GO TO JAIL. REPEAT.

Short sentences put gunslingers back on the streets, where they often use firearms in new crimes



Carl Gordon, 34, in a blue shirt, is seen in a photo from the Columbus Dispatch. He is serving two years in state prison for gun violations.



TARGET: GUN VIOLENCE
[A 3-PART SERIES]

Series: This column focuses on gun violence in the city of Columbus. It includes news, analysis, and commentary on the issue.

Story by Theodore Decker / Photos by Jonathan Galtier
DECKERS REPORT

Fifty-four percent of the gun owners in last year's survey in Columbus had been arrested previously on weapons charges. This doesn't surprise gun owners, who said it was more likely to arrest gun offenders to serve justice sentences and not to serve justice. The best gun owners to the courts, get more guns and more crime, so weapons will be sold in the city, police say. Those who make it into the city on the streets carry guns for good simple as that, say prison inmates interviewed by The Dispatch. "I had a lot of friends who sold weapons to me for as little as \$100 a gun," said Carl Gordon, 34, a North Side man who is now on weapons charges and has served time for gun violations.

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SHOOT

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The inmates speak of growing up without supervision and being forced to fight back. They speak of the ease of getting guns from relatives, friends and crack addicts. They speak of funerals for friends and relatives who were shot and killed.

But if they see a connection between their own gun-carrying and friends who have died from gun violence, they don't readily acknowledge it. Police know they can never get rid of all the guns, so Columbus officers have turned their attention to getting the gun offenders off the streets.

One problem, they say, is that carrying a concealed weapon, or CCW, is a misdemeanor unless the person previously has been convicted of CCW or any violent offense. Then the charge ramps up to a fourth-degree felony, punishable by six to 18 months in prison.

But the maximum never increases, no matter how many more times that person is convicted of CCW. Only CCW on an aircraft rises to a third-degree felony with a stiffer sentence.

"It's basically like a slap on the wrist — you know what I mean? — to get caught with a gun," said Ron Robinson, a South Side felon now

By Theodore Decker
THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH

When Raul Robinson was arrested with a gun in 1999, he told Washington, D.C., police he probably would get more guns once that case was over. He kept his word. Robinson is now serving time for gun trafficking and manslaughter.

Officials say his case illustrates how easily gun laws can be circumvented and how guns bought at a central Ohio store can be used in crimes both near and far.

Robinson, now 33, called D.C. home, but he moved to Columbus around 2002 and started dealing drugs. He also used "straw buyers" to purchase guns here that he would then sell in D.C.

Wayne L. Child Jr., assistant special agent in charge of the Columbus field division of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, explained how it's done.

*** Includes destructive devices and any other weapon

Firearms recovered in Ohio

In 2009, law-enforcement officers confiscated 10,390 guns in Ohio, with 10 cities accounting for 7,776, or 75 percent, of the weapons.

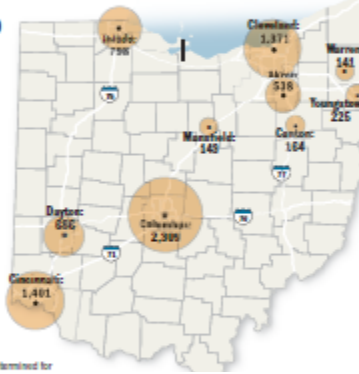
GUN TYPES RECOVERED

Of the guns confiscated in Ohio in 2009, 77 percent were pistols or revolvers.

TYPE	RECOVERED	%
Pistols	5,693	54.8
Revolvers	2,341	22.5
Shotguns	1,090	10.5
Rifles	1,082	10.4
Derringers	154	1.5
Machine guns	12	0.1
Unknown	8	< 0.1
Combination	7	< 0.1
Other*	3	< 0.1

* Includes destructive devices and any other weapon

Note: Recovery city could not be determined for



Vivid images of death, such as this shooting scene where a teenager died last July at E. Columbus Street and Oakwood Avenue on the South Side, are why some gunslingers say they always carry weapons.

MORE ONLINE

► Inmate Carl Gordon, serving his third sentence for weapons charges, talks about what has influenced his decisions at Dispatch.com/multimedia.

Shamaine Woods, 24, was arrested on Jan. 28, 2009, for shooting up a Mount Vernon Avenue apartment with women and children inside. He was charged with assault and

temped murder. "You never know where you're going to get it from, but you're sure to get one. I would just come across them in the streets."

Curtis Miller, 33, of the East Side remembers that his first gun was a

TOP SOURCE STATES

Officials were able to trace 6,519 of the guns confiscated in Ohio in 2009 to 15 states, including Ohio, with 33 other states accounting for 295 other traces. The origins of 3,576 guns could not be traced.

STATE	RECOVERED
Ohio	5,423
Kentucky	239
W. Virginia	135
Indiana	104
Florida	92
Georgia	74
Pennsylvania	72
Michigan	70
Texas	58
Alabama	57
Tennessee	48
California	45
Virginia	36
Arizona	33
Mississippi	33

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Dre might have killed someone. Columbus homicide detectives told the ATF that Dre likely was Robinson, a suspect in the Nov. 20, 2004, slaying of 18-year-old Sharif Sharif.

All four women eventually pleaded guilty. Based largely on their testimony, Robinson was indicted on gun charges in September 2006. He fled to Kentucky but was arrested there in late 2007.

With Robinson locked up, Bisbee teamed up with Columbus cold-case detective Dana Farbach to close the homicide by speaking to once-skittish witnesses.

A break came when a gun pulled on a police officer in D.C. was found to be the same gun that had killed Sharif.

It also had been bought by one of Robinson's straw purchasers, though she told police she had purchased it for herself. She reported it stolen in July 2004 and remembered only later that Robinson had had access to her place when it disappeared, police said.

Farbach said Sharif was killed because he sold drugs on turf that Robinson considered his.

Robinson was sentenced to 41 months in federal prison for gun trafficking. He now is serving 10 years in state prison for the death of Sharif.

Of the 16 firearms linked to his ring, police have found only three. The rest, agents say, might still be on the streets.

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Our team in the News

DISPATCH EXCLUSIVE

Going after gunslingers

Police shift crime-reduction focus from guns to jailing repeat offenders; others advocate mediation



**TARGET:
GUN VIOLENCE**
[A 3-DAY SERIES]

**Sunday: Ohio cities
overrun by guns**

**Monday: Convicts
freed quickly**

**Today: Getting to
gunslingers**

Stories by Theodore Decker
Photos by Jonathan Quilter

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Columbus police take guns off the streets at a pace of about eight a day, 250 a month, 3,000 a year.

In the police property room on Fairwood Avenue are derringers and AK-47s, ancient Colts and slick new Glocks. There are Hi-Points that cost less than \$200 and Les Baer custom pistols that likely set back the original buyer a few grand.

Columbus Police Officer Ky H.

► Offenders turn peacekeepers | A8

Reed started work in the property room last summer after an injury took him off the streets. It has been an eye-opener.

"It was like, you've got to be kidding me," he said. "I would never have dreamed."

For victims of gun violence, it's a nightmare.

As summer nears, police and an anti-violence consortium await

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GUNSLINGERS

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what typically is a spike in gun violence. They have two markedly different plans to combat it. Both are focused not so much on the guns but on the people who keep them tucked in waistbands, stashed in vacant houses and stowed under car seats.

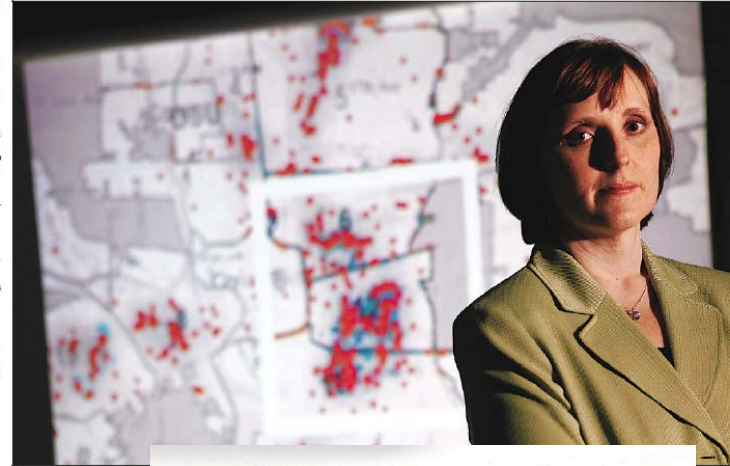
The police hope to keep up the pressure and arrest these people. The consortium thinks that, with guidance from a program called Cease-Fire, would-be shooters will lay down their arms and resolve disputes without bullets.

"There are analogies here," said Daniel Webster, co-director of the Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Policy and Research in Baltimore, Md.

The police approach is, "Our goal is to lock 'em up." The other approach is to just change their behavior, get them not to employ violence.

"But either way, you're going to have to engage that group of high-risk individuals," Webster said. "And in doing that ... you're going to have to have some stomach for risk."

When Michael T. Gravely shot and wounded two Columbus police officers who



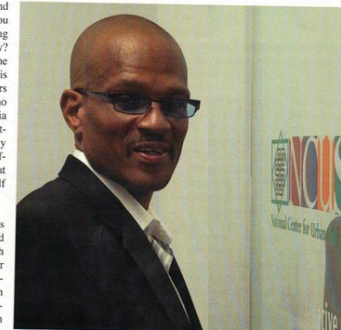
Deanna Wilkinson, an Ohio gun violence reduction program officer.

SECOND CHANCES

Ex-Offender's work by...

"Any Means Necessary"

How do you give a man a second chance in society? How do you keep an ex-offender from repeating the same crimes against society? The answer is simple...employ the man! Reality check...it really is not that simple. Finding employers to hire African American Men who have been portrayed in the media as violent, lazy, angry and distrustful coupled with a previous felony record...disqualifies many ex-offenders from many positions that would transform their lives to self sufficiency.



Cecil Ahad and Alan Clifford, Photo by Jim Locke III

Morally Excellent LLC Services is a Janitorial/Maintenance related company that collaborates with NCUS TEC in providing jobs for hard to place ex-offenders. The collaboration provides training from National Center for Urban Solutions which certifies the men with industry specific training; life skills development and intensive mentoring services to prepare ex-offenders for today's competitive employment market. Cecil Ahad, Morally Excellent President and CEO, believes that it is his obligation to give back. "I believe that it is my moral responsibility as a multi-business owner, manager, leader, teacher, mentor and ex-offender to not only find employment for individuals, but to

empower them with pro-life saving skills and abilities that can be used in the transformation of their lives." Ahad states that many ex-offenders want to work and given the chance, they will be faithful employees.

Take Another Look at how these ex-offenders continue to work by "Any Means Necessary". Despite

all of the odds against these African American Men have proven to society they want to work and will do whatever it takes to change the paradigm of how society views ex-offenders.

By Cecil Ahad

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BREAKING NEWS: DISPATCH.COM

Offenders who turned peacekeepers calm streets

Story by Theodore Decker
Photos by Jonathan Quilter

THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH

BALTIMORE — The shooting went down in a blighted area here known as Deaky Land, but the McEldeery Park Safe Streets crew knew that the fallout could settle in their neighborhood.

Safe Streets East outreach supervisor Corey Winfield spoke to the victim's mother in the emergency room at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. He'd known her and her son for years.

"Don't waste your time on me," she told him. "You know who my son runs with, and they're coming."

Winfield is a peacekeeper on the front lines in what was once one of this city's roughest neighborhoods.



Safe Streets East outreach worker Anthony Coleman surveys the streets of his east Baltimore neighborhood. "You got to have patience," he says of working with his young, troubled clients.



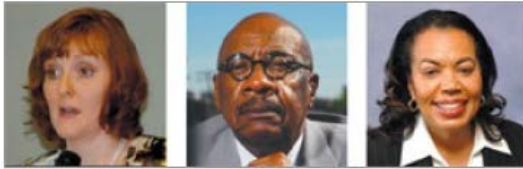
Tard Currier, right, a Baltimore Safe Streets outreach worker and ex-offender, never fails to remind his clients: "Poverty brings out frustration. Frustration brings about unwise decision-making."

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TWIN CITIES
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LOCAL NEWS FOR GLOBAL CITIZENS

Saturday, Nov 5, 2011 Global/Local Communities Neighborhoods

Ending youth violence: A new generation of ideas



Deanna Wilkinson (Photo: ohiostate.edu) - Bill Er
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October 28, 2011

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Hey, my name is Alix, and it's me in the Sunday Dispatch article "Overrun by guns," and video, which obviously many people didn't actually read or watch; otherwise they wouldn't possibly say such horrid and negative things.

The article doesn't even imply anything about lawful firearms ownership.

It's written purely to reflect the impact that gun violence has on innocent victims, which is done by those who have obtained such a weapon illegally and are using it with no comprehension of the human consequences or fear of punishment.



Community meets with police to discuss how to reduce violence

By Theodore Decker

The Columbus Dispatch Friday June 17, 2011 12:13 PM

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Police have joined with professors, community activists and clergy at the Riffe Center today to share thoughts and strategies on reducing the violence on the streets of Columbus.

"We really need to change our thinking about violence in order to prevent it," said Deanna Wilkinson, an associate professor at Ohio State University who specializes in youth violence research.

The daylong series of speakers and workshops is part of the 3rd Annual Promoting Community Safety and Preventing Violence conference, hosted by the OSU Youth Violence Prevention Advisory Board.



JONATHAN QUILTER

Dr. Gary Slutkin is the executive director of CeaseFire. Here, he poses for a portrait in his office at the University of Illinois

Urban churches pray for answers to violence

By Meredith Heagney

The Columbus Dispatch Saturday September 3, 2011 7:46 AM

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The pastors lined up on the church steps, less than a half-mile from the spot where a young man had been shot to death four days earlier.

They talked about the need for unity and the importance of having



Anti-violence push needs cash

Columbus group ready, advocate says

By Theodore Decker

The Columbus Dispatch Saturday June 18, 2011 10:12 AM

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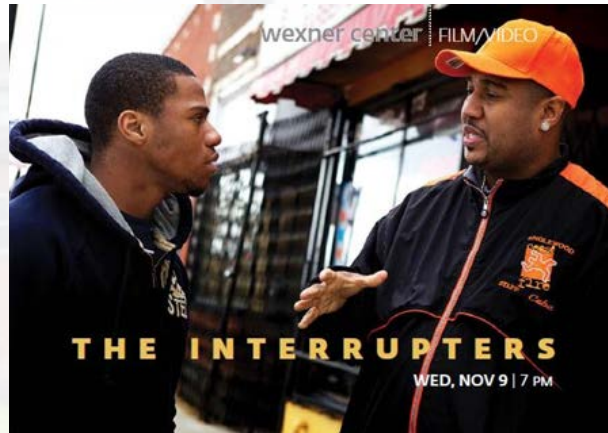
A Columbus anti-violence group is well-equipped to start saving lives on the city's streets but can't begin without money, a nationally recognized expert on gun violence said yesterday.

"They are completely ready," said Gary Slutkin, an infectious-disease physician who founded the Chicago-based violence prevention initiative CeaseFire. "They need government support."



Dr. Gary Slutkin runs CeaseFire, a national group that works to prevent gun violence.

The Interrupters



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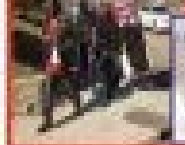
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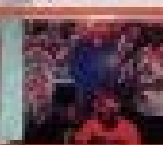
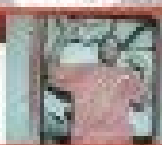
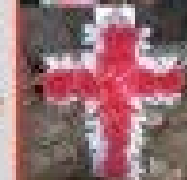
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Guns, Gangs and Gardens

After a career of studying violent teens, Deanna Wilkinson needed to find a new way to help troubled youth—and heal herself.

By Jeff Grabmeier



Deanna Wilkinson, surrounded by students in the Urban GEMS summer camp. Photo: Jo McCully

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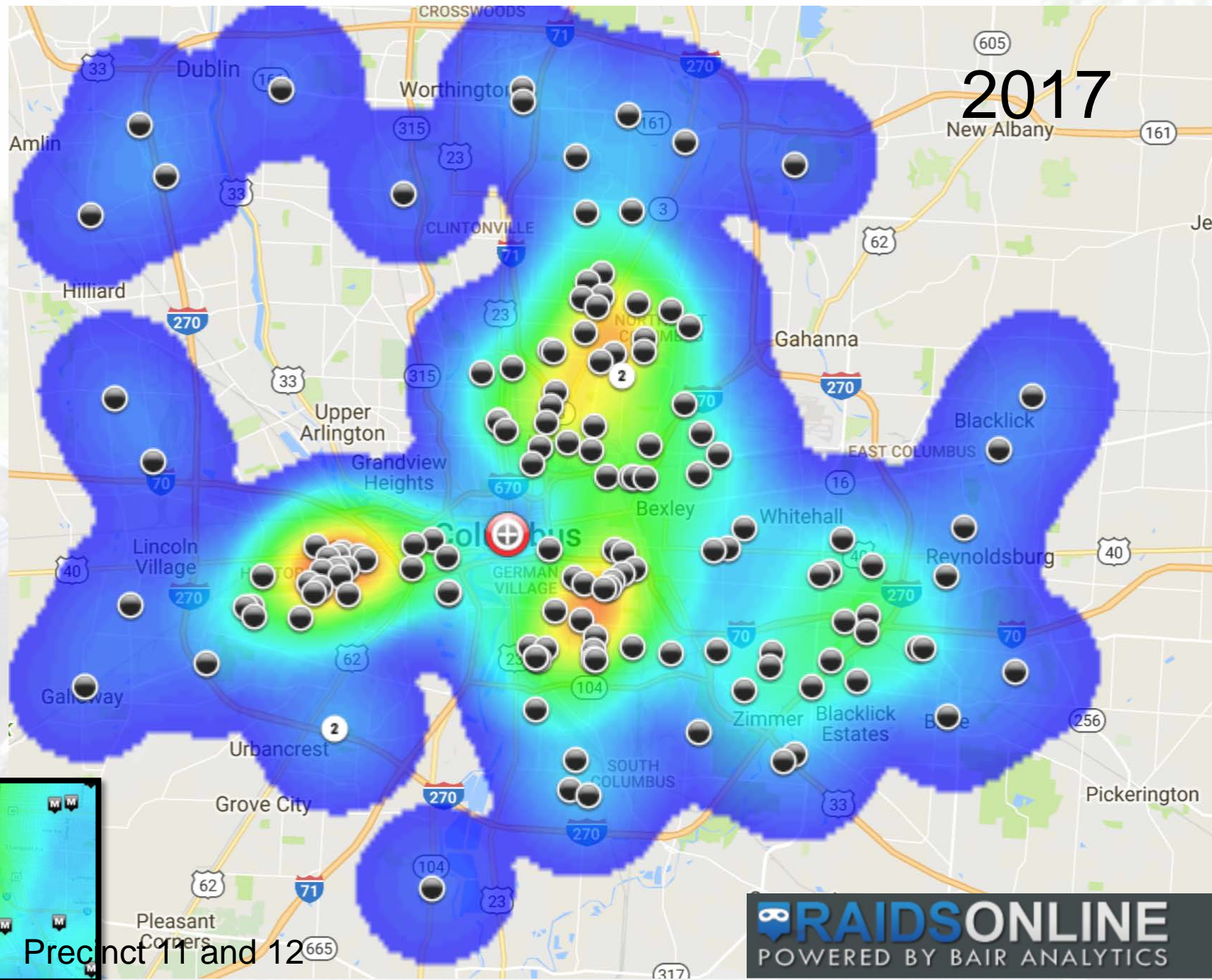
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Thank you!

Questions?

CECIL A. AHAD



Born and raised on Columbus East Side. Poor decision of dropping out of the Columbus Public Schools in the 11th grade along with many other bad decisions and habits led him to spend over a decade of his life in the state correctional system. Fifteen years after serving his time and gaining his G.E.D. has went on to enroll in Ohio University College, he's now a married man, affluent author of numerous articles, one being *"Gorilla on My Back"*. Cecil is presently CEO of A&A Community Store & Market on Columbus East Side, also CEO of Morally Excellent, LLC. Both businesses gainfully employing young African Americans, teaching them the art of self-sufficiency and entrepreneurship.

He is a present member of Men for the Movement, the National Center for Urban Solution and various other community groups and organizations that focus on motivating, mentoring and coaching youths and ex-offenders. He accredits his continue success to the art of helping others he says as we learn to balance the four dimensions of our nature.

DARTANGNAN HILL



AKA O.G. Half` was born and raised on 22nd Street on Columbus south side. In 1993 Founded the 22nd Street Bloods in Columbus. A gang he started for protection but later escalated into greater acts of violence, drug sales and vandalism. As a result causing him to suffer numerous gunshot wounds while loosing numerous friends during the course of the gang's activity. He attended South High School until his senior year in 1995 when he was arrested on false charges and was able to obtained his GED while detained in the county jail. After being found not guilty he continued gang activity until May 3, 2003 when he was again arrested, tried and wrongly fully sentence. While serving four years of a twenty four years sentence. After seeking God for a sign and patiently insisting his innocence. He later found himself on the same prison ward as the man who actually committed the crime. In June of 2005, he was released and after being awarded a small sum of money for wrongful imprisonment he invested in a business that he labeled as his request from God; "Show Me A Sign" . He is also presently President and CEO of Hard life Entertainments. A business geared toward trying to help young artist get started in the music industry. Along with his business he is also a active member

TAMMY FOURNIER ALSAADA



Tammy is an Author, Advocate and Community Organizer from Columbus, Ohio, whose mission is to be a voice for her community by advocating for criminal justice reform issues important to grassroots community members and their families. Tammy has served on the Franklin Prerelease Citizens Advisory Board and was also an involved member of the Franklin County Reentry Task Force as a founding member, where she chaired the sub-committee *Faith, Family and Community*. She has been very instrumental in the Juvenile Justice Community Planning Initiative studying Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) as well as a Fall Fellow and Team Leader for the 2011 Obama for America Presidential Campaign in Columbus, Ohio.

Recruited specifically for her outstanding leadership and involvement in a variety of local task forces, collaborative groups, and in the faith community, Dr. Deanna Wilkinson at The Ohio State University chose Tammy as an Outreach Specialist and Chairperson for the OSU Youth Violence Prevention Advisory Board and the Community Safety Institute where she impacted her community as a co-developer of Ceasefire Columbus. She is currently serving as the Community Organizer for the Ohio Juvenile Justice Coalition advocating for Ohio's youth. In 2017, she was named a Woman of Achievement by the Columbus YWCA.

Tammy is known for her published works. Her first novel, entitled ***P.I.E.C.E.S.: A Booster's Story***, was released by national publishing company Kensington Publishing under their Urban Books imprint in October of 2008.

PASTOR FREDERICK V. LAMARR



A devoted husband (Michelle Bogan), father (Micahya Danyelle) and life-long resident of Columbus, OH. Educated in Public School System; Cols East High (NHS Class 78).

Licensed to Preach the Gospel in 1987, indoctrinated under the Mt. Calvary District Board of Elders in 1994, studied the Greek and Hebrew languages at Eastern Union Bible College, along with extensive religious studies at the Moody Bible College, and Master School of Divinity holding a Master's Degree in Biblical Counseling. An affluent writer with books and booklets that are distributed through his Pen Pal Prison Ministry and daily bible teaching. He holds the titles of C.E.O of Reaching Higher Heights 4 Life and Co-founder of Ministries 4 Movement. He volunteers as a Sherriff Clergy, Juvenile Courts Advisory, actively serves in both the Baptist Pastors' Conference, Ministerial Alliance, Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance. He launched and co- host the highly rated talk show "Pulse of the City" on Bounce23TV on Sunday nights @7:30 where he highlights and address issues that face the minority community within Columbus and Vicinity. Pastor LaMarr accepted his calling of leadership of the Family Missionary Baptist Church in 1997. He has devoted much of his ministry to community outreach and activism, focusing on gang activity and changing the paradigms of the inner city. His lifelong commitment has enabled Him to impact so many of God's people in a life changing way. His favorite scripture is **2 Corinthians 10:3-5** ***"For thou we walk in the flesh...weapon of our warfare are not carnal..."***

JERRY SAUNDERS SR.



Jerry Saunders, Sr., Chief Executive Officer of Africentric Personal Development Shop, Inc. (APDS) which is a behavioral healthcare center specializing in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) and education classes to prevent, treat, and eliminate substance abuse and domestic violence. In addition, APDS provides community outreach, which includes male and female support groups and a 9-week SMART 2.0 Summer Enrichment Program for youth ages 6 to 13. APDS has a staff of 23 including 10 seasonal employees. APDS is certified by Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS).

Saunders is managing partner of The Saunders Company, a public relations company. Jerry serves on the board of trustees for Creative Housing, Inc. and the board of directors for Women's Center for Economic Opportunity.

Prior to joining APDS in April 1997, Saunders served ten years as executive director of the Eldon W. Ward YMCA Branch of Central Ohio.

Jerry has more than 35 years of personal and community development experience. Saunders has an extensive history of serving on governing boards of public entities and 501(C)3 non-profit community development organizations including:

- Commissioner of the City of Columbus Recreation and Parks Department (15 years)
- Board of Trustees for Franklin County Children Services (6years)
- Children's Hunger Alliance (6years)
- Officer on the Franklin County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (4years)
- Inaugural Chairman of After-School All-Stars Columbus Board of Trustees (6 years)
- Board of Directors for the 100 Black Men of America, Inc. (4 years)
- Founding member on the Board of Trustees for Mid Ohio Stranger Abduction Alert (AMBER Alert)
- Governance Board for Columbus Africentric Early College School
- Founding member and Chairman Emeritus of Compassionate Communications of Central Ohio Board of Trustees
- United Way of Central Ohio Education Vision Council
- Columbus City Schools Education Foundation Board of Trustees
- The Ohio State University Youth Violence Prevention Advisory Board
- Pickerington Schools 21st Century Advisory Board
- Tri-Chair of Together 2000 of Franklin County

Co-Chair of the "Building a Better Columbus Committee" which he spearheaded the passage of eight Capital Improvement Bond Issues for \$590.9 million.

The Oberlin College graduate is the recipient of numerous awards including the Columbus Urban League Award of Excellence, 100 Black Men of Central Ohio Mentor of the Year, and Greater Columbus Community Helping Hands, Inc. Ambassador of Health and Wellness Award. Saunders received the prestigious Paul Harris Fellow of The Rotary Foundation from Columbus Rotary.

A native of Columbus, Ohio, Jerry attended Mohawk Junior-Senior High School. He is married to E. Gayle Saunders and they have one son, Jerry Jr.

DEANNA WILKINSON



I have devoted my career to research, teaching, and service to promote the understanding of social problems that afflict urban communities in poverty. As a criminologist, with multidisciplinary training, situated in an interdisciplinary unit of Human Sciences at OSU, my work focuses on the intersections of context, development and policy/practice. I pride myself on being an engaged scholar with strong activist leanings. My scholarly work on understanding the decision making of shooters has been used to develop and refine gun violence prevention strategies around the country. As an ethnographic and applied researcher, I devote considerable time to:

- community partnerships;
- working directly with youth and adults to develop, implement, and evaluate intervention/prevention strategies;
- creating opportunities for student involvement in the community; and
- building lasting relationships with people situated in neighborhoods characterized by high rates of poverty and violence.

I am passionate about making a difference to promote community safety and healing from the adverse affects of poverty and violence. The photo gallery below includes some of my favorite memories of the past few years in Columbus, Ohio. I am fortunate to be part of such a wonderful community! Read about our work in the CSI eNewsletter [From Research to Practice: Bridging the Gaps through Collaboration](#).